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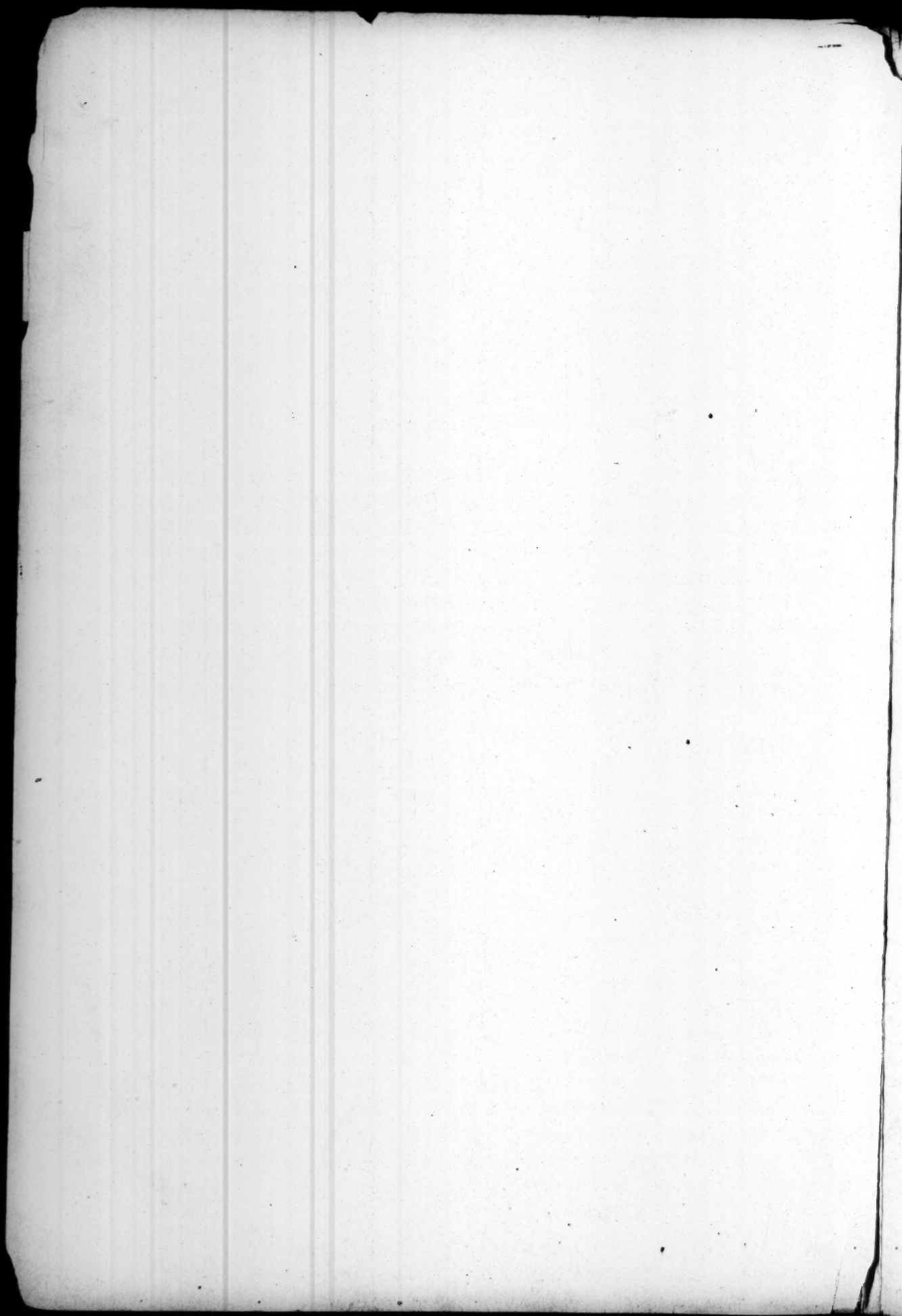
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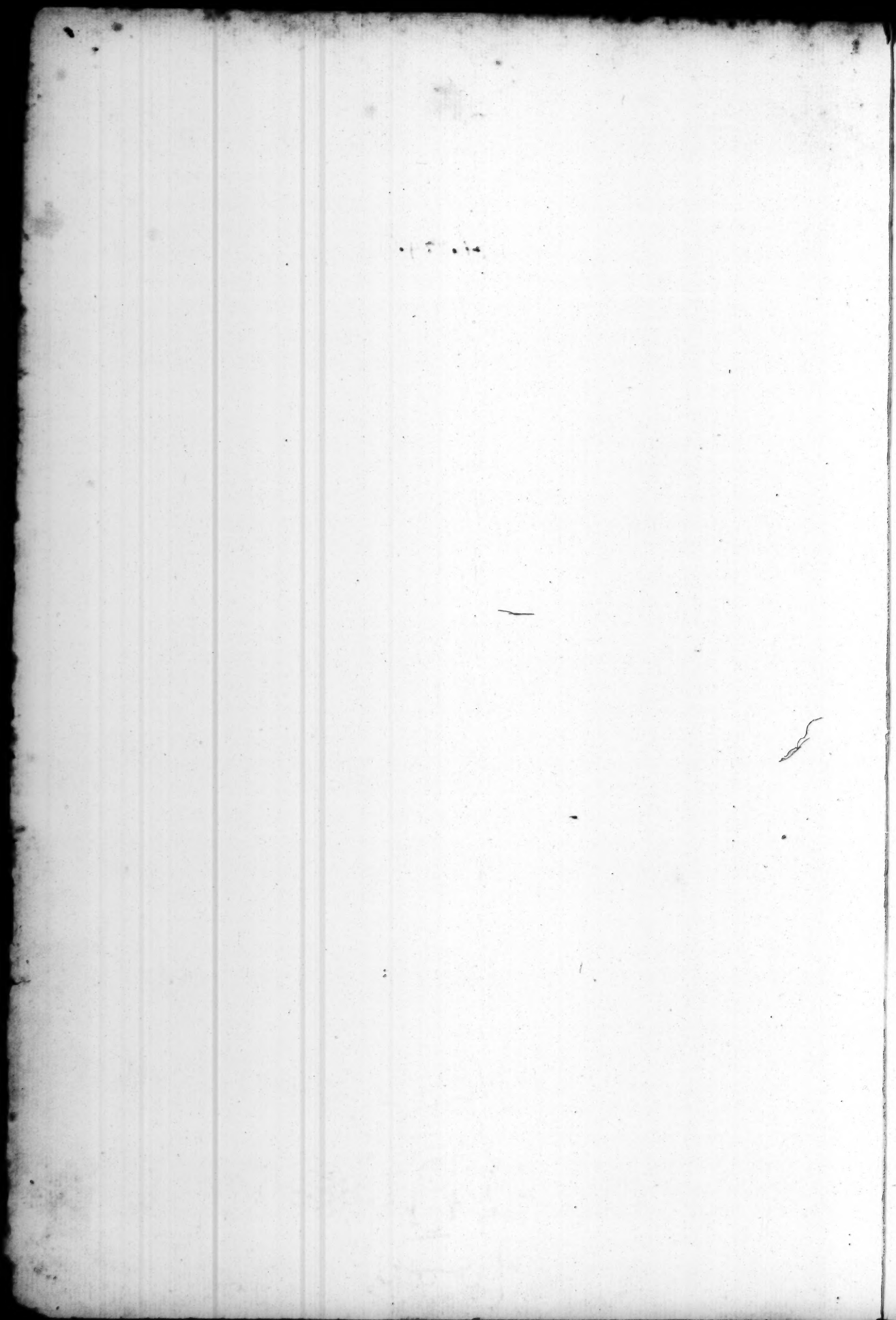
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*Brave Vere! who hast by deeds of arms made good
 What thou hadst promised by birth and bloud;
 Whose courage ner'e turn'd edge, being backt with wise
 And sober reason, sharpened with advise.
 Look (Reader) how from Neuport hills he throws
 Himself a thunder-bolt amongst his foes;
 And what his Sword indited, that his Pen
 With like success doth here fight o're agen:
 What Mars performed Mercurie doth tell;
 None e're but Cesar fought and wrote so well.
 Why may not then his Book this title carry,
 The second part of Cesar's Commentary?*

*Virg. Æglog. 6. — Nec Phœbo gratior ulla est,
 Quam sibi quæ Vēri præscripsit pagina nomen.*

*VERI SCIPIDÆ
 duo fulmina belli.*







S^r HORACE VERE *since* Baron of Tilbury.



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TO
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL
HORACE TOWNSHEND,
BARONET.

Right Worshipfull,



Here present you with the *Works*, that is, with the *actions* and *writings* of your great Uncle, Sir *Francis Vere*; unto which as you have a right by bloud, common to some others with you; so have you also right by purchase, proper and peculiar to your self alone, having freely contributed to adorn the Impression, wherein you have consulted as the Readers delight and satisfaction, so the honour and reputation of your family. I have read of one, that used to wear his fathers picture alwaies about him, that by often looking thereon he might be reminded to imitate his vertues, and to admit of nothing unworthy the memory of such an Ancestour; Now Sir, I think you shall not need any other monitour then your own name, if but as often as you write it, or hear it spoken, you recall into your thoughts those your Progenitours, who contributed to it; your Honoured

The Epistle Dedicatory.

father, Sir *Roger Townshend*, and your Grandfather the truly Honourable and valiant the Lord *Vere* of *Tilbury*, men famous in their generations for owning religion, not onely by profession, but also by the practise and patronage of it; whose vertues while you shall make the pattern of your imitation, you will increase in favour with God and men, and answer the just expectations of your countrey. And that you may so do it is the earnest desire, and hearty prayer of


Sir,

Your respectfull friend,

and humble servant,

William Dillingham.

To



To the ingenuous Reader.



Although this book can neither need nor admit of any letters recommendatory from so mean a hand, yet I thought it not incongruous to give thee some account of it, especially coming forth so many years after the Authours death.

Know then, that some years since it was my good hap to meet with a copy of it in a library of a friend, which had been either transcribed from, or at least compared with another in the owning and possession of Major-General Skippon, which I had no sooner looked into, but I found my self led on with exceeding delight to the perusal of it. The gallantry of the Action, the modesty of the Authour, & the becomingness of the stile did much affect me; and I soon resolved that such a treasure could not without ingratitude to the Authour and his Noble Family, nor without a manifest injury to the repute of our English Nation, yea and unto truth it self, be any longer concealed in obscurity.

Whereupon I engaged my best endeavours to bring it into the publick view; but finding some imperfections and doubtfull places in that copy, I gave my self to further inquiry after some other copies, supposing it very improbable that they should all stumble at the same stone. And so I was favoured with another copy out of the increasing Library of the Right Honourable the Earl of Westmorland, which had been transcribed immediately from the Authours own; another the Honourable the Lord Fairfax was pleased to afford me the perusal of; but that which was instar omnium was the original it self, written by the Authours own hand, being the goods and treasure of the

The Epistle to the Reader.

Right Honourable Earl of Clare; but at present (through his favour) in my possession. These (Reader) are the Personages; whose favour herein I am, even upon thy account, obliged here to remember and acknowledge.

I have subjoynd Sir John Ogles account of the last charge at Newport-battel; whom I suppose our Authour himself would have allowed, being his Lieutenant-Colonel, to bring up the reere. I have also inserted his account of the Parly at the siege of Ostend, both communicated to me by the same friendly hand, that first lent me the copy of Sir Francis Vere. And for thy further satisfaction, I have adventured to continue the story of that siege, from the time that our Authour put up his pen, to the time that he put up his sword there, having first by his example taught others the way how to defend the town. Last of all, at the end of the book thou wilt meet with the History of Newport-battel, written some time since in Latine by an elegant and learned pen; which, for the consanguinity of it, is here subjoynd. But if any shall take upon them to censure him, as having translated Sir Francis Vere, without acknowledging of him for the Authour; I have this to answer on his behalf, viz. that as he doth no where deny his translating of him, so that he did conceal it, we may very well impute it to the desire he had, both to afford Sir Francis Vere a more ample and advantageous character, then his own modesty would permit him to assume unto himself; and also to give in his testimony unto the truth, in a matter which others his countrey-men had with too much partiality related. And this also let me further add, that whether he did translate it or not; yet this, I suppose, will not be questioned, that very few Authours, either ancient or modern, have in so narrow a compass so highly deserved of the learned and ingenious Reader, as he hath done.

I will not here mention any thing concerning our Authours life or extraction; the one whereof is sufficiently known; and for the

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the other I shall content my self with what Sir Robert Naunton hath briefly written of him, which I have printed here before the Book; which is all but a larger Commentary upon that which he hath there delivered. Onely give me leave to be-moan a little our own loss, and the Authours unhappines in this, That his Noble Brother having been in courage equal, and in hazards undivided, should leave him here to go alone. For, as he must be allowed a great share in these actions recorded by his Brother, so were his own services afterwards, when General of the English, so eminent and considerable, that they might easily have furnished another Commentary, had not his own exceeding modesty proved a step-mother to his deserved praises. He was a religious, wise, and valiant Commander, and (that which quartered him in the bosome of the Prince of Orange) he was always succesfull in his enterprises; sometimes to the admiration both of friends and enemies. Take an instance or two. When he took Scluy, there was one strong hold first to be taken, which he found some difficulty to overcome, and that was the opinion of his friends of the impossibility of the enterprise. And for his enemies, Spinola himself (were he now alive) would, I question not, do him the right, which he did him in his life-time, and bear witness of his gallant retreat with four thousand men from between his very fingers, when with three times that number he had grasped up the Prince and his men against the Sea-shore.

And because the proficiencie of the Scholars was ever accounted a good argument of their Masters abilitie; I shall make bold (with their leaves) here to give you a list of some of his.

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The Epistle to the Reader.

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Besides divers others, whose effigies do at once both guard and adorn Kirby-hall in Essex, where the truly religious and Honourable the Lady Vere doth still survive, kept alive thus long by special providence, that the present age might more then read and remember what was true Godliness in eighty eight. And as for her Lord and Husband, who died long since, though he left no heir Male behind him to bear his name, yet hath he distributed his bloud to run in the veins of many Honourable and Worshipfull families in England: for his daughters were, The Right Honourable, Honourable and vertuous; The Countess of Clare; The Lady Townshend, now Countess of Westmorland; The Lady Paulet; The Lady Fairfax; and Mistris Worstenholme. Whose pardon I crave for making so bold with their names, but my hope is they will be willing to become witnesses unto their Uncles book (though a war-like birth) and to let their names midwife it into the world. Thus (Reader) have I given thee a brief account of this piece, and so recommend me to Sir Francis Vere.

W. D.

In the mapp of the Low-countrys the graver hath set the Fort of *Mardyk* on the wrong side of *Dunkerk*. In the Epistle to the Reader *lin. 8.* read *in the.*

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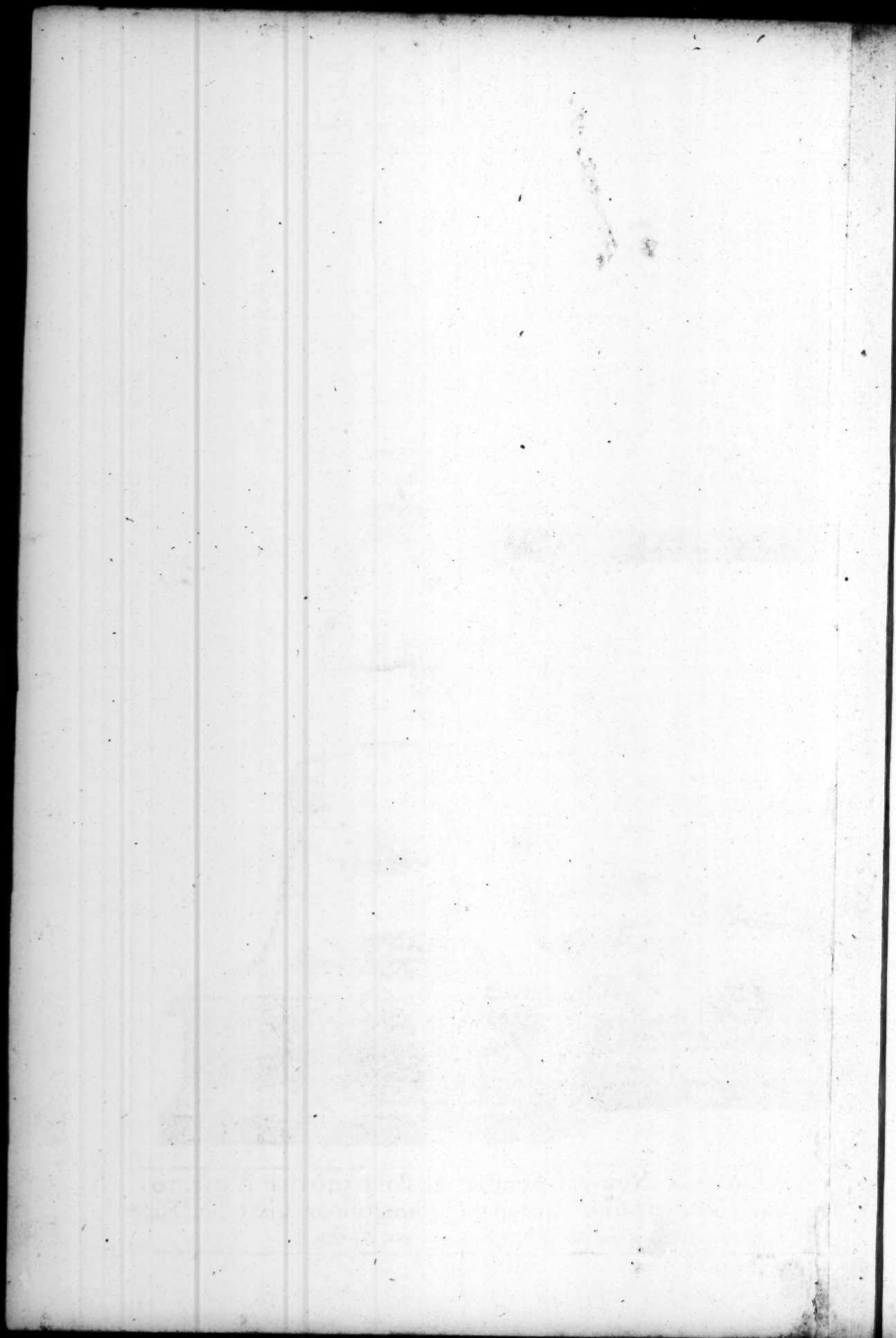
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Obijt XXVIII Die Augusti, Anno Salutis MDCVIII et anno Aetatis Suae LIII.



Sir Robert Naunton in his *Fragmenta Regalia*, p. 41.

V E R E.

Sir Francis Vere was of that ancient, and of the most noble extract of the Earls of Oxford, and it may be a question whether the Nobility of his House, or the Honour of his achievements might most commend him; but that we have an authentick rule:

*Nam genus, & proavos, & quæ non fecimus ipsi,
Vix ea nostra voco, &c.*

For though he was an Honourable slip of that ancient tree of Nobility, which was no disadvantage to his vertue, yet he brought more glory to the name of Vere, then he took blood from the family.

He was amongst all the Queens Sword-men inferiour unto none, but superiour to many; of whom it may be said, *To speak much of him were the way to leave out somewhat that might add to his praise, and to forget more that would make to his honour.*

I find not that he came much to the Court, for he lived almost perpetually in the Camp; but when he did, none had more of the Queens favour, and none less envied; for he seldome troubled it with the noise and alarms of supplications, his way was another sort of undermining.

They report that the Queen, as she loved Martial men, would court this Gentleman as soon as he appeared in her presence, and surely he was a souldier of great worth and Command, thirty years in the service of the States, and twenty years over the English in chief, as the Queens General. And he that had seen the battel at Newport, might there best have taken him, and his Noble brother, the Lord of Tilbury, to the life.

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BOMMELER-WAERT.

IN the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred eighty and nine, the Count *Charles Mansfeldt* having passed with part of his armie into the *Bommeler-Waert*, (the rest lying in *Brabant* over against the island of *Voorn*) prepared both troops to passe into the said island with great store of flat-bottomed boats, his artillerie being placed to the best advantage to favour the enterprife.

The Count *Maurice* had to impeach him not above eight hundred men, the whole force that he was then able to gather together not being above fifteen hundred men, whereof the most were dispersed amongst the river of *Wael*, fronting the *Bommeler-Waert*, to impeach the enemies passage into the *Betowe*: Of these eight hundred men six hundred were *English*, of which my self had the command.

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These seemed small forces to resist the enemy, who was then reckoned about twelve thousand men; and therefore the Count *Maurice* and the Count *Hollock*, one day doing me the honour to come to my quarter, put it in deliberation, whether it were not best to abandon the place: whereunto when others inclined, my opinion was, That in regard of the importance of the place, and for the reputation of the Count *Maurice* (this being the first enterprise wherein he commanded in person as chief), it could not be abandoned (but with much reproach) without the knowledge and order of the States General: and that therefore they were first to be informed in what state things stood; I undertaking in the mean time the defence of the place. Which counsel was followed, and I used such industry both in the intrenching of the island, and planting artillery, that the enemy in the end desisted from the enterprise.

The

The relief of RHINBERGH.

IN the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred eighty nine, the town of *Bergh* upon the *Rhine* being besieged by the Marquesse of *Warrenbon*, and distressed for want of victuals, I was sent to the Count *Meurs*, governour of *Gelderland*, by the States, with nine companies of English.

At my coming to *Arnheim*, where he lay in a storehouse of munitions, in giving order for things necessary for his expedition, the powder was set on fire, and he so sorely burnt, that he died within few dayes after.

The States of that province called me before them, told me in what extremity the town was, the importance of the place, and facility in succouring it, desiring me to proceed in the enterprise; which I did willingly assent unto, and they appointed seven companies of their own nation to joyn with me, which were to be left in *Bergh* in lieu of so many other companies to be drawn out thence.

To the Count *Oversteyn* (a young Gentleman, and then without any charge, as a kinsman & follower of the Count of *Meurs*) they gave the command of twelve companies of horse. With these troops we passed to the fort *Caleti*, made by *Skink* over against *Rees*, where finding the carriages appointed for that purpose ready laden with provisions, we marched towards *Bergh*, taking our way through a

heathy and open countrey, and so with diligence surprizing the enemy, who lay dispersed in their forts about the town, in full view of them put our provisions into the town, and so returned to the said fort by Rees, the same way we had gone.

*The second relieving of***RHINBERGH.**

After some dayes refreshing, it was thought good by the States (new provision of victuals being made) who in the mean time had advice how things had passed, that we should with all speed put in more provisions, being advertized that the enemy gathered great forces in *Brabant*, under the conduct of the Count *Mansfeldt*, for the streight besieging of the Town; which made us hasten, and withall take the ordinary and ready way near the *Rhine*-side: but because it was shorter, and not so open as the other, and so more dangerous, if perchance the enemy with his full power should encounter us; and because there were upon it certain small redoubts held by the enemy, we took along with us two small field-pieces.

When we came within two English miles of *Bergh*, at a castle called *Loo*, which stands on the side of a thick wood within musket-shot of the way, we were to take through the
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saïd wood, being very narrow and hemmed in on both sides with exceeding thick under-woods, such (as I gueffe) as those dangerous places of *Ireland*, the enemy from the castle first shewed themselves, and then came out towards the place along the skirt of the wood, to gall our men and horses in their passage, with such bravery, as I might well perceive they were not of the ordinary garrison.

I first sent out some few shot to beat them back, giving order to our vantguard in the mean time to enter the passage, and the Dutch footmen to follow them, and the horsmen, and carriages, with orders to passe with all diligence to the other side of the place, and then to make a stand untill the rest of the troops were come up to them, keeping with my self (who stayed in the rereward) fiftie horse and six trumpeters, and all the English foot. In the mean time, the enemy seconded their troops of shot with to the number of four or five hundred, in so much as I was forced to turn upon greater numbers, with resolution to beat them home to their castle, which was so thoroughly performed, that afterwards they gave us leave to passe more quietly.

When the rest of the troops were passed, I made the *English* enter the streight, who were divided into two troops, of which I took an hundred men, with six drums, placing them in the rereward of all (my self with the fifty horse marching betwixt them and the rest of the English footmen). This streight is about a

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quarter of an English mile long, and hath about the middle of it another way, which cometh into it from *Alpen* a small town not far off.

When we were past this crosse way, we might hear a great shout of mens voices redoubled twice or thrice, as the Spanish maner is when they go to charge; but by reason of the narrowness and crookednesse of the place, had no sight of them. I presently caused the troops to march faster, and withall gave order to the trumpeters and drums that were with me to stand and sound a charge; whereupon there grew a great stilnesse amongst the enemy, who (as I afterward understood by themselves) made a stand expecting to be charged.

In the mean time we went as fast from them as we could, till we had gotten the plain; then having rid to the head of the troops, who were then in their long and single orders; and giving directions for the embatteling of them, and turning their faces towards the streight, and the mouths of the pieces also, and so riding along the troops of English towards the place, I might see from the plain (which was somewhat high raised over the woods, which were not tall) the enemy coming in great haste over a bridge some eight score within the streight with ensignes displayed, very thick thronged together, and in a trice they shewed themselves in the mouth of the streight. My hindermost troops which were then near the streight

streight were yet in their long order, and with the suddenesse of the sight somewhat amazed, in so much that a captain well reputed, and that the very same day had behaved himself very valiantly, though he saw me directing as became me, often asked what he should do; till shortly and roughly as his importunity and the time required, I told him that I was never lesse to seek; that he therefore should go to his place, and do as I had commanded, till further order: and so doubting the enemy would get the plain, before my troops would be thoroughly ordered to go against them, I took some of the hinder ranks of the pikes, and some shot, vvith vvwhich I made out to the streights mouth a great pace, vvilling the rest to follovv: vvhereupon the enemy made a stand, as it vvere doubtfull to come on; and so I came presently to the push of pike vvith them.

Where at the first encounter my horse being slain under me vvith the blovv of a pike, and falling on me, so as I could not suddenly rise, I lay as betvvixt both troops, till our men had made the enemy give back, receiving a hurt in my leg, and divers thrusts vvith pikes through my garments.

It vvvas very hard fought on both sides, till our shot spreading themselves along the skirt of the vvood (as I had before directed) flanked and sore galled the enemy, so that they could no longer endure, but vvere forced to give back; vvwhich they did vvithout any great disor-

disorder in troop, and as they vvere hard followed by our men, turned and made head manfully, vvhich they did four severall times before they broke, and at last they flang avway their arms, and scattered asunder, thrusting themselves into the thickets; for backvwards they could not flee, the vway being stopped by their ovvn men.

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I commanded our men not to disband, but pursue them; and passing forward easily discomfited the five hundred horsmen, who presently left their horses, & fled into the bushes; amongst whom it was said the Marquesse of Warrenbon was in person: for the horse he was mounted on was then taken amongst the rest.

The horsmen who fled into the thicks we followed not, but went on the straight way till we encountred with the twenty four companies of *Neopolitans*, who discouraged with our successe, made no great resistance. We took eighteen of their ensignes, and made a great slaughter of their men, till we had recovered the bridge before mentioned of them. My troop being small of it self, made lesse by this fight, and lesser by the covetousnesse of the souldier, (whereof a good part could no longer be kept from rifling of the enemy, and taking horses,) I thought good not to pursue the enemy further then the said bridge; where having made a stand till our men had taken the full spoil of all behinde us, the enemy not once so much as shewing himself, and night

night growing on, I made my retreat, and two hours after sun-set came with the troops into the town of *Bergh*.

This fight was begun and ended with one of the two English troops, which could not exceed four hundred men: the other, which Sir *Oliver Lambert* led, onely following, and shewing it self in good order, and ready if occasion required: the Netherlanders remaining in the plain with the horsemen and the Count *Overstein*.

The enemy lost about eight hundred men, and by an Italian Lieutenant of horsemen (who was the onely man taken alive) I understood that the Count *Mansfeldt* was newly before this encounter arrived, and had joyned his forces with those of the Marquesse of *Warrenbon*, in which were all the Spanish regiments, making two hundred and twenty ensigns, besides other forces; so as the whole strength was supposed thirteen or fourteen thousand foot, and twelve hundred horse, of their oldest and best souldiers. They had intelligence of our coming, but expected us the way we had taken before, and made all speed to impeach us by cutting off this passage, sending those harquebuziers we first met with by the castle, to entertain us in skirmish.

Presently upon my coming to *Bergh*, though in great pain with my wound, we fell to deliberation what was to be done: we knew the enemies strength, and the danger we were to abide in returning; and to stay in the town,

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were to hasten the losse of it, by eating the provisions we had brought: of the two we chose rather to return; and so giving order for the change of the garrison, and refreshing our men, and bestowing those who were hurt on the empty carriages, by the break of day the morning being very foggy and mistie, we set forward in as secret manner as we could, taking the opener and broader way, without sight of any enemy, till about noon that some troops of horse discovered themselves a far off upon a very spacious heath, and gave us onely the looking on, so that without any impeachment we arrived that night at the fort before *Rees*.

The relieving of the Castle of
LITKENHOOVEN.

IN the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and ninety, the castle of *Litkenhooven* in the fort of *Recklinchusen*, in which there was a garrison of the States souldiers, being besieged by the people of that countrey, aided with some good number of the Duke of *Cleves*, the Bishops of *Colen*, and *Patebournes* souldiers, which they call *Hanniveers*; The States gave me order with some companies of English foot, to the number of seven or eight hundred, and five hundred horse, to go

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go to the relief of the said castle; which I accepted, and marching with all possible speed, in good hope to have surprized them at unawares, and arriving there one morning by break of day, I found that the chief troop was dislodged, and that they had wrought hard upon a fort before the entry of the castle, in which they had left good store of men.

I did expect to have found them without any intrenchment, and therefore had brought no provision of artillery or scaling ladders; without the which it seemed very dangerous and difficult to carry it by assault, being reared of a good height with earth, and then with gabions set thereupon of six foot high, made almost unmountable: And to besiege them I had no provision of victuals, so that I was to return without making of any attempt, or to attempt in a maner against reason; which notwithstanding I resolved to adventure.

And therefore dividing the English troop into eight parts, I conveyed them as secretly as I could, so as two of these troops might readily assault every corner of the said fort, being a square of four small bulwarks; but with a distance betwixt the two troops, to give on each corner with a signall of drums, at which the first four troops should go to the assault; and another signall to the other four troops to second, if need required.

Whilst this was in doing, I sent a drum to summon them of the fort to yield, who sent

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me word, they would first see my artillery. I saw by their fashion there was no good to be done by entreaty; yet to amuse them, I sent them word the artillery was not yet arrived: if they made me stay the coming of it, I would give them no conditions: they answered, that I should do my worst.

At the very instant of my drums return, I gave the signal, and the troops speedily gave upon the fort, as I had appointed them: though they did their utmost endeavours, they did finde more resistance then they were able to overcome; nevertheless I gave them no second till I might perceive those within had spent their ready powder in their furnitures; at what time I gave the second signal, which was well and willingly obeyed, and gave such courage to the first troops, that the assault was more eager on all hands, in so much that one souldier helping another, some got to the top of the rampires; at which the enemy gave back, so as the way became more easie for others to climbe to the top, and so finally the place was forced, and all the men put to the sword, being in number three hundred and fifty, all chosen men, with the losse and hurting of about four score of my men.

The place thus succoured, and my men refreshed for some few dayes, I returned homewards, and found in my way that *Burick* a small town of *Cleve*, and a little fort on that side the *Rhine*, were in the mean time surprised.

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The enemy then held a royall fort not far from *Wesel*, which served to favour the passage of his forces over the *Rhine*. This place I understood by those of *Wesel* to be slenderly provided of victuals, so as they had but to serve them from hand to mouth out of the town, and that their store of powder was very small. I knew the service would be acceptable to the States, if I could take that piece from the enemy, and therefore resolved to do what lay in me: and first appointed a guard of horse and foot to hinder their recourse to the town for their provisions.

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Then passing into the town of *Burick*, with such stuff as I could get on a sudden, and such workmen, I began to make ladders; so as the night following I had fortie ladders in readinesse, upon which two men might go in front: for I being so weak, and the enemy having the alarm of my being abroad, I was to expect their coming; so as it was not for me to linger upon the starving those of the fort. With this provision I resolved to give a scalado to the fort, which as it was high of rampire, so had it neither water in the ditch, nor pallisado to hinder us.

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The fort was spacious, capable of fifteen hundred men, and had four very royall bulwarks, upon one of which I purposed to give an attempt, and onely false alarms on the other quarters of the fort; and to this end for avoiding confusion, both in the carriage, rearing, planting, and scaling, as also for the more

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speedy and round excution, I appointed eight men to every ladder to bear, plant, and mount the same, whereof four were shot and four pikes; one of either sort to mount a front. And being come near the fort in a place convenient to range the men, they were divided into two parts, and ranged a front, with commandment upon a signall given, the one half to give upon one face of the bulwark, the other upon the other, which they did accordingly, and gave a furious attempt, mounting the ladders and fighting at the top of them, the enemy being ready to receive us; but by reason many of the ladders which were made (as I have said) in haste, and of such stuff as could be gotten on a sudden, were not of sufficient strength, but broke with the weight and stirring of the men, seeing no likelihood to prevail, and the day now growing on, I caused our men to retire, and to bring away with them their ladders that were whole, with no great harm to our men, by reason the enemy being diverted by the false alarms did not flank us, neither if they had plaid from the flanks with small shot, could they have done any great hurt by reason of the distance; the most hurt we had was with blows on the head from the place we attempted, both with weapons and stones; for the journey being long, to ease the souldiers they brought forth no morians.

I therefore purposing not to give over this enterprise, provided head-pieces for them in
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the town of *Wesell*, and used such diligence that before the next morning I was again furnished with ladders, and in greater number: for I had perswaded the horsemen that were well armed for the purpose, with their pistols to take some ladders also, and be ready to give the *scallado* in the same manner, but somewhat later, for even then day began to break, which not giving us time to persevere in the attempt, was the onely hindrance of our victory: for our shot having order when they came to the top of the ladders not to enter, but taking the top of the wall for a breast, and safeguard, to shoot at the enemy fighting at the work-side, and standing in the hollow of the bulwark, till the same were cleared of defendants for to enter more assuredly; which manner of assaulting, though it be not ordinary, yet well considered is of wonderfull advantage: for having the out-side of both the faces of the bulwark not flanked (as I said before) on their backs, (which in the darkness of the night, and for the alarms given on the other parts they could not see nor intend) and in this manner having galled & driven many of the enemy from the wall, and being in a manner ready to enter, day came upon us, and the enemy having discovered us from the other flanks, turned both small and great shot against us, so as we were forced to retire, carrying our ladders with us, with lesse losse then the day before in the fight, though more in the retreat by reason of the day light.

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The same day I provided more ladders, purposing the next morning to try fortune again, when in the evening the Governor of the fort by a drum wrote me a letter, complaining that against the ordinary proceedings of men of war, I assaulted before I summoned; and the drum in mine ear told me, that if I would but do them the honour to shew them any piece of ordnance, I should quickly have the fort. By which drawing of theirs I perceived they were in fear, and in discretion thought it meet-
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 2 them to yield, then to despair them to my greater losse, by further attempting to carrie them by force; and so taking a piece out of the town of *Burick*, I planted the same before morning, and by break of day sent a trumpet to summon them to yield, which they did as-
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 2 arms, which I granted, and so they came forth the same morning two companies of *Almains*, and two half companies of *Italians*, near as strong in number as those that attempted them: for besides the *English* I used none, but some few horsmen: most of their officers were hurt and slain, and of the souldiers more then of mine.

This is true, and therefore let it be thought that howsoever this attempt may seem rash with the ordinary proceedings of other captains, yet notwithstanding I was confident upon a certain and infallible discourse of reason.

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In the place I found four double Cannons, with pretty store of ammunition and victuals. The same night I and the troops were countermanded by the States, but I left the place with some guard and better store of necessities before my departure.

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IN the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred ninctie one, I lying then at *Delfburgh* with the English forces, the Count *Maurice* wrote unto me, that by a certain day he would be with his forces before *Zutphen* to besiege the same, willing me the night before with my troops of horse and foot of that countrey to beset the town on the same side of the river it standeth.

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On the same those of the town held a fort, which made my Lord of *Leycester* loose many men and much time before he could get it. This fort I thought necessary to take from the enemy before he had knowledge of our purpose to besiege him, and because I wanted force to work it by open means, I put this sleight following in practise.

I chose a good number of lusty and hardy young Souldiers, the most of which I apparelled like the countrey women of those parts, the rest like the men, gave to some baskets, to other packs, and such burthens as the people

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usually carry to the market, with pistols, and short swords, and daggers, under their garments, willing them by two or three in a company, by break of day to be at the ferry of *Zutphen*, which is just against the fort, as if they stayed for the passage boat of the town; and bad them to sit and rest themselves in the mean time as near the gate of the fort as they could for avoiding suspicion, and to seize upon the same as soon as it was opened. Which took so good effect, that they possessed the entry of the fort, and held the same till an officer with two hundred souldiers (who was laid in a covert not farre off,) came to their seconds, and so became fully Master of the place. By which means the siege of the town afterwards proved the shorter.

The siege of DEVENTER.

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IN the siege of *Deventer*, by reason of the shortnesse of a bridge of boats laid over the ditch for our men to go to the assault, the troops could not so roundly pass as had been requisite, and so were forced to retire with no small losse.

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The Count *Maurice* was so discouraged that he purposed that night to have withdrawn his Ordnance. I desired that he would have patience till the next day, and resolve in the morning to begin the battery again for five or six volleys, and then to summon them, assuring him

him that I would guard the bridge that night, if the enemy should attempt to burn it, as they did, though in vain.

The Count *Maurice* liked well of the advise, and it had good successe; for upon the summons they yielded. Their town had no flank on that part; the wall, which was of brick without any Rampire, was in a manner rased to the foundation, the town so close behinde it that they could not make any new defences; which as they might be just causes of discouragement to the besieged, so they made me confident that with this shew of perseverance they would yield.

The Count *Herman of Bergh*, who commanded the town was sore bruised with a Cannon. There marched of the enemy out with him seven or eight hundred able men, amongst which was an English Gentleman, whom for his using unreverent and slanderous speeches of her Majestie I had long held in prison, out of which he had during that siege made an escape; he was excepted in the composition, taken from them, and executed, as he well deserved, not for his first but second offence.

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The defeat given to the Duke of Parma at
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g IN the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred ninetie one whilest the Count Maurice was busied in Friezland, and with good successe took many forts, as Delfziel, and others about Groninghen; The Duke of Parma passed with his armie into the Betow, and besieged the fort on that side the river upon the ferry to Nimmeghen. Whereupon the States countermanded the Count Maurice with their forces; who being come to Arnheim incamped in the Betow right over against that Town.

g eate The Duke still continuing his siege, the States (who were then present at Arnheim) desirous to hinder his purpose, if it were possible, in their assembly (to which I was called with the Count Maurice) propounded the matter, and insisted to have something exploited, though we layed before them the advantage the enemy had of us in the number of his men, the strength of his encamping, as well by the site of the countrey, as intrenchments; so as much time was spent, and the council dissolved without resolution upon any speciall enterprize; albeit in generall the Count Maurice and the men of war agreed to do their utmost endeavour for the annoying and hindering of the enemy.

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I had observed by the enemies daily coming with good troops of horse and forcing of our scouts, that they were likely to bite at any bait that were cunningly laid for them, and therefore having informed my self of the wayes and passages to their army, and projected with my self a probable plot to do some good on them, I brake the same to the Count *Maurice*, who liked my devise well, and recommended to me the execution thereof, giving me the troops I demanded, which were one thousand two hundred foot and five hundred horse.

The distance betwixt the two armies was about four or five English miles, to the which there lay two ready wayes, serving for the intercourse betwixt *Arnhem* and *Nimmeghen*; the one a dike or cawsey, which was narrower and most used in winter by reason of the lownesse and myrinessse of the countrey; the other larger: both hemd with overgrown woods and deep ditches.

Near half a mile from the quarter, this cawsey was to be passed to come to the other way, which led to the main quarter of the enemy where most of his horse lay. About two thirds of the way from our camp there was a bridge, to this bridge I marched early in the morning sending forthwith towards the enemies camp two hundred light and well mounted horse with order to beat the guards of the enemies horse even to their very quarter and guards of foot, to take such spoil and prisoners as lay ready in their way, and so to make their retreat,

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2 if they were followed, more speedily; otherwise, an ordinary marching pace. In the mean time I divided my footmen into two parts, whereof one I laid near the hither side of the bridge, in a place very covert: the other a quarter of a mile behinde, and in the rereward of them the rest of my horse. If the enemy came in the rayl of our horse, whom for that purpose I had appointed (as before said) to come more leasurely, that the enemy might have time to get to horse; I knew they could bring no footmen, and therefore was resolved to receive betwixt my troops of foot all the horsemen they could send; But if they pursued not our men in the heat, I judged they would either come with good numbers of both kinde, 5 of men ordered, or not at all: and if they came with good advice, that they would rather seek to cut off my passage near home by taking the cawsey and higher way, then to follow me directly.

For the better preventing whereof the Count *Maurice* himself with a choice part of the horse and foot of the army, was to attend at the crosse way to favour my retreat. My horsemen about noon gave the enemy the alarm, and according to their directions made their retreat no enemy appearing, whereupon I also retired with the rest of the troop till I came to the crosse way; where I found the Count *Maurice* with his troops. In the head of which towards the way of the cawsey, with some distance betwixt his troops and mine, I made

made a stand in a little field by the side of the way where they were at covert.

We had not been here half an houre, but our scouts brought word the enemy was at hand; which the Count *Maurice's* horsemen hearing, without any order, as every one could get foremost, to the number of seven or eight hundred they made withall speed towards the enemy. I presumed and said they would return faster and in more disorder, as it fell out; for the enemy coming as fast towards them, but in better order, put them presently in rout, and the greater the number was, the more was the amazement and confusion. Thus they passed by us with the enemy at their heels laying on them.

I knew not what other troops they had at hand, nor what discouragement this fight might put into the mindes of our men, and therefore whereas I purposed to have let the enemy passe, if this unlooked for disorder had not happened amongst our horsemen, I shewed my troops on their flanks and galled them both with shot and pikes; so that they not onely left pursuing their chase, but turned their backs. Which our horsemen perceiving, followed, and thus revenged themselves to the full, for they never gave over untill they had wholly defeated the troop, which was of eight hundred horse, of which they brought betwixt two and three hundred prisoners, whereof diverse were Captains, as *Don Alphonso d'Analos*, *Fradilla*, and others; with diverse Cornets and about five hundred horses.

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This defeat so troubled the Duke of *Parma*, that being so forward on his siege, and having filled part of the ditch of the fort, he retired his army thence, and passed the river of *Wael* a little above *Nimmeghen* with more dishonour then in any action that he had undertaken in these warres.

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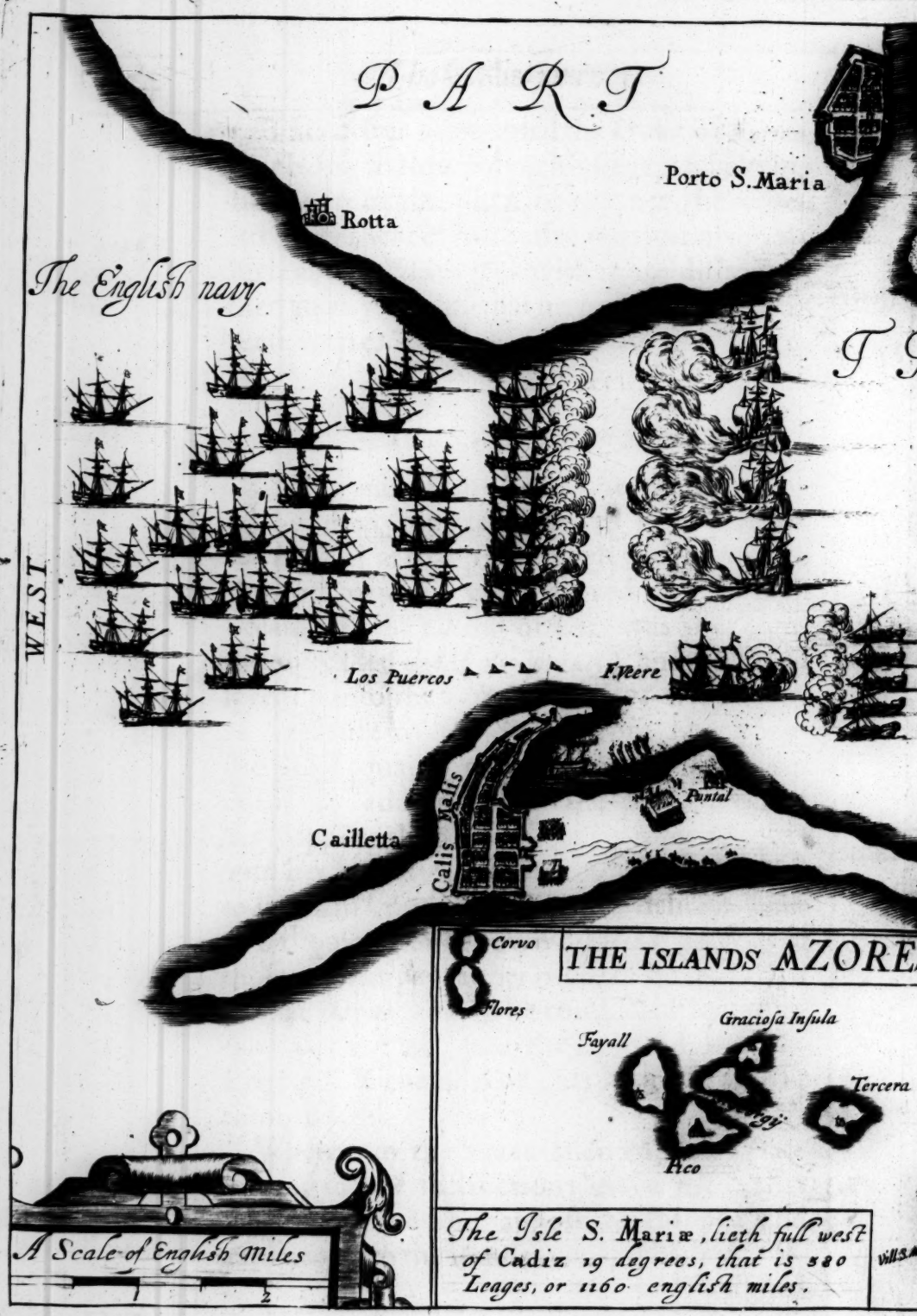
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IN the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred ninetie six I was sent for into *England* at that time when the journey to the coast of *Spain* was resolved on, (which because of the taking of *Calis* was after commonly called the *Calis-journey*) and returned speedily into the Low Countreys with letters of credence to the States from her Majestie, to acquaint them with her Majesties purpose, and to hasten the preparation of the shipping they had already promised to attend her Majesties fleet in those seas: withall to let them know her Majesties desire to have two thousand of her own subjects, as well of those in their pay, as her own, to be imployed in that action, and to be conducted by me to the Earl of *Essex*, and the Lord Admirall of England, Generalls of that action by joynt commission.

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Whereunto the States assented, and I (according to my instructions given me in that behalf) by the time appointed shipped and transported to the Rendezvous; which was assigned







signed me before *Bulleyn* on the coast of *France*, by reason that *Calais* in *France* was then besieged by the Cardinall *Albertus*. upon that occasion it was resolved to have imployed this armie for the succour and relief thereof, but coming into that road I found no shipping of ours, & understanding that *Calais* was yielded the day before, I crossed the sea to *Dover*, where I found the whole fleet and the Generalls, who received me with much joy and favour, being then (though farre unworthy of so weightie a charge) chosen to supply the place of Lieutenant Generall of the armie by the name and title of Lord Marshall.

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The fleet set sail shortly after, and my Lord of *Essex* leaving his own ship imbarqued himself in the *Rainbow* with my self and some few of his ordinarie attendant servants, of purpose (as I suppose) to conferre with me at the full and at ease of his journey. After two dayes sailing his Lordship landed at *Beachim* near *Rye*, with diverse other Noblemen, that he had attending him so far on his journey. He took me along with him to the Court, and thence dispatched me to *Plymouth*, whither most of the Land-forces were to march, to see them lodged, provided of necessaries, and trained, and ordered, which I did accordingly, to the great contentment of the Generalls, when at their coming they saw the readinesse of the men, which were then exercised before them.

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mouth (which by reason of the contrarietie of wind was near a moneth) it pleased my Lord of *Essex* to give me much countenance and to have me alwayes near him, which drew upon me no small enyie, in so much as some open jarres fell out betwixt Sir *Walter Raleigh* then Rear-admirall of the navie, and Sir *Conniers Clifford* Sergeant-major-generall of the armie, and my self; which the Generall qualified for the time, and ordered that in all meetings at Land I should have the precedence of Sir *Walter Raleigh*, and he of me at Sea. Sir *Conniers Clifford*, though there were grudging there could be no competition, yet being a man of a haughtie stomach, and not of the greatest government or experience in Martiall discipline, lest ignorance or will might mislead him in the execution of his office, and to give a rule to the rest of the high officers (which were chosen rather for favour then for long continuance in service) to the better directing of them in their duties, as also for the more readinesse in the Generall himself to judge and distinguish upon all occasions of controversie; I propounded to my Lord of *Essex* as a thing most necessary, the setting down in writing, what belonged properly to every office in the field; which motion his Lordship liked well, and at severall times in the morning his Lordship and my self together, he with his own hand wrote what my industrie and experience had made me able to deliver, which was afterwards copied, & delivered

vered severally to the officers, and took so good effect that no question arose in that behalf during the journey.

The wind serving and the troop shipped I imbarqued in the foresaid *Rainbow* as Vice-admirall of my Lord of *Essex* his Squadron. The one and twentieth day after (being, as I take it, the first of July) the fleet arrived early in the morning before *Calis-Malis*, and shortly after came to an anchor, as near the *Caletta* as the depth would suffer us.

In the mouth of the Bay, thwart of the rocks called *Los puercos*, there lay to our judgement fortie or fiftie tall ships, whereof were four of the kings greatest and warlikest Gallions, eighteen Merchant ships of the West-Indian fleet outward bounden, and richly laden, the rest private Merchants.

Because it was thought these could not escape us in putting to sea, the first project of landing our men in the *Caletta* went on, and so the troops appointed for that purpose were imbarqued in our barges and long boats: But the wind blowing hard, the landing was thought too dangerous, the rather for that the enemy shewed themselves on the shore with good troops of horse and foot. Notwithstanding in hope the weather would calm, the men were still kept in the boats at the ships sterns.

This day the Generalls met not together, but the Lord Admirall had most of the sea officers aboard with him, as the Lord of *Essex* had those for land service, and Sir *Walter Ra-*

leigh was sent to and fro betwixt them with messages, so that in the end it was resolved and agreed upon to put, the next tide, into the Bay, and, after the defeating of the enemies fleet, to land our men betwixt the town and *Puntal*, without setting down any more particular directions for the execution thereof. I then told my Lord of *Essex* that mine was a floaty ship and well appointed for that service; that therefore, if his Lordship pleased, I was desirous to put in before his Lordship and the other ships of greater burthen, to which his Lordship answered suddenly that in any case I should not go in before him.

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With this I and the rest of the officers went to our ships to prepare our selves; I took my company of souldiers out of the boats into my ship, for their more safety, and better strengthening of my ship. And because we anchored more to the North of the fleet, more a stern and to the Leeward of the fleet, as the wind then blew, then any other ship; I thought to recover these disadvantages by a speedier loosening of my anchor then the rest. And therefore, not attending the Generalls signall and warning, so soon as the tide began to favour my purpose, I fell to weighing my anchor. But the wind was so great and the billow so high that the Cap-stain being too strong for my men, cast them against the ships side and spoiled many of them; so that after many attempts to wind up the anchor I was forced to cut Cable in the haulfe. When I was under sail, I plied onely

onely to windward, lying off and on from the mouth of the Bay to the sea, which lyeth near hand East and West, by that means gathering nearer to the fleet. The Lord *Thomas Howard* Vice-admirall of the fleet with some few other ships set sail also beating off and on before the mouth of the Bay; but the Generall and the most of the fleet kept their anchors still.

The tide being far spent (loth to be driven again to the Leeward of the fleet, and to endanger another Cable, and perchance the ship it self upon that shore, which was flat and near, and the benefit of entering the Bay with the first, which was not the least consideration) I resolved to put into the mouth of the Bay, as near the enemies fleet as I could, without engaging fight, and there to cast anchor by them; which I did accordingly; so as they made a shot or two at me; but since I made no answer, they left shooting. I was no sooner come to anchor, but the Generalls set sail, and the rest of the fleet, and bare directly toward me, where they also anchored.

It was now late e're the flag of Council was shoven in my Lord Admiralls ship, whither my Lord of *Essex* and the rest of the officers repaired, and there it was resolved, the next morning with the tide to enter the Bay, and board the Spanish ships, if they abode it, and ships of ours were appointed to begin this service, some to keep the chanell and midst of the Bay, and others more floaty to bear nearer the town to intercept the shipping that should

retire that way, and hinder the Gallies from beating on the flanks of our great ships.

I was not allotted with my ship to any special service or attendance, my desire was great (having till that time been a stranger to actions at sea) to appear willing to embrace the occasions that offered themselves, and therefore wound my ship up to her anchor, to be the more ready to set sail in the morning with the beginning of the flood.

The Spanish ships set sail and made to the bottome of the Bay rather driving then sailing, our ships following as fast as they could. As the Spanish ships loosed from their anchors and made from us, their Gallies seventeen in number under the favour of the town made towards us ranged in good order. My ship (as before said) was floaty, and stored with good Ordnance, and proper for that service, which made me hasten towards them, without staying for any company. And indeed my readinesse was such, by reason of my riding with my anchor a pike, that no other ship could come near me by a great distance, so as I entered fight with them alone, making still toward them upon one board, and so galled them with my Ordnance, (which was Cannon and demi-Cannon) that they gave back, keeping still in order, and in fight with me, drawing as near the town as they could, and with purpose (as I thought) as our ships thrust further into the Bay, to have fallen upon our smaller ships in the tayl of the whole fleet,

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fleet, and having made a hand with them, so to have put to the sea-ward of us the better to annoy us, and save themselves from being locked up. Wherein to prevent them I made toward the shore, still sounding with our leads, till the Ordnance of the town might reach me, and I the shore with mine; in so much as I put them from under the town, and took certain ships, which rode there at anchor forsaken of their men, and followed them continuing fight till they came under the fort of the *Puntal*; where thwart the bottome of the Bay (which was not broad) lay their four great ships with a prettie distance berwixt them, and by spreading the breadth of the Chanell came to an anchor and were now in hot fight of Ordnance with our fleet.

I was nearer *Puntal* and the shore of *Calis* by much then any ship of the fleet, and further advanced into the Bay, so that now growing within shot of the fort, which lay on my right hand, and in like distance to the Gallions on the left hand, and having the Gallies a head me, betwixt them both was plied with shot on all sides very roundly, yet I resolved to go on, knowing I had good seconds, and that many hands would make light work. But my company either wiser, or more affraid then my self on a sudden unlookt for of me let fall the anchor, and by no means would be commanded or intreated to weigh it again.

In the mean time Sir *Walter Raleigh* came upon my left side with his ship; and very little

a head me cast his anchor, as did also the Generalls, and as many of the fleet as the Chanell would bear, so as the shooting of Ordnance was great, and they held us good talk by reason their ships lay thwart with their broad sides towards us, and most of us right a head, that we could use but our chasing pieces. I sent my boat aboard Sir *Walter Raleigh* to fasten an haulse to winde my ship, which was loosed soon after my boat was put off.

About me the Gallions let slip Cable in the haulse, and with their top sails wended and drew towards the shore on the left hand of the Bay; and the Indian fleet with the rest of the shipping did the like, more within the Bay. It was no following of them with our great ships, and therefore I went aboard my Lord of *Essex*, whose ship lay towards that side of the Chanell, to see what further order would be given.

At my coming aboard, the Gallions were run on ground near the shore, and their men some swimming, others in their boats began to forsake their ships. I was then bold to say to my Lord of *Essex* that it was high time to send his small shipping to board them, for otherwise they would be fired by their own men; which his Lordship found reasonable, & presently sent his directions accordingly, and in the mean time sent Sir *William Constable* with some long boats full of souldiers (which his Lordship had towed at his stern since the first imbarquing) to have landed in the *Caletta*)

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But, notwithstanding he made all haste possible, before he could get to the Gallions, two of them were set on fire, and the other two by this means saved and taken utterly forsaken of their men, who retired through the fennes to porto Saint Maria.

The Spanish fleet thus set on ground, the prosecution of that victory was committed to, and willingly undertaken with the sea-forces, by a principall officer of the fleet.

And because longer delay would increase the difficulty of landing our forces by the resort of more people to *Calis*, it was resolved forthwith to attempt the putting of our men on shore, and to that end, commandment was given that all the men appointed for that purpose should be imbarqued in the long boats, and that my Lord of *Essex* should first land with those men which could be disembarked, and then my Lord *Admirall* to a second, and repair to the Generall; who the better to be known would put out his flag in his boat. The troops that were first to land, were the regiments of the Generalls, my own, that of Sir *Christopher Blunt*, Sir *Thomas Gerrard*, and Sir *Conniers Clifford*.

On the right hand in an even front, with a competent distance betwixt the boats were ranged the two regiments first named, the other three on the left, so that every regiment and company of men were sorted together with their Colonels and chief officers in nimble pinnaces, some in the head of the boats,

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some at stern to keep good order; the Generall himself with his boat, in which it pleased him to have me attend him, and some other boats full of Gentlemen-adventurers & choice men to attend his person, rowed a pretty distance before the rest; whom, at a signall given with a drum from his boat, the rest were to follow according to the measure and time of the sound of the said drum, which they were to observe in the deeping of their oars; and to that end there was a generall silence, as well of warlike instruments as otherwise. Which order being duly followed, the troops came all together to the shore betwixt *Puntall* and *Calis*, and were landed, and severall regiments imbattelled at an instant, without any encounter at all; the Spaniards, who all the day before had shewed themselves with troops of horse and foot on that part, as resolved to impeach our landing, being clean retired toward the town. The number of the first disembarquing was not fully two thousand men; for diverse companies of those regiments that had put themselves into their ships again, could not be suddenly ready, by reason the boats to land them belonged to other great ships.

Calis on that side was walled as it were in a right line thwart the land, so as the sea on both sides did beat on the foot of the wall; which strength together with the populousness of the town (in which besides the great concourse of Gentlemen and others upon the discovery of our

our fleet and alarm of our Ordnance; there was an ordinary Garrison of souldiers) had taken from us all thought of forcing it without battery; and therefore being landed we advanced with the troops to finde a convenient place to encamp till my Lord *Admirall* with the rest of the forces and the Ordnance were landed.

Being advanced with the troops half the breadth of the neck of the land, which in that place is about half a mile over, we might perceive that all along the sea-shore on the other side of this neck of land men on horse-back and foot repaired to the town; which intercourse it was thought necessary to cut off. And therefore because the greatest forces of the enemies were to come from the land, it was resolved on to lodge the better part of the army in the narrowest of the neck, which near *Puntall* is not broader then an ordinary harquebush-shot.

To which streight Sir *Comiers Clifford* was sent with three regiments, viz. his own, Sir *Christopher Blunts*, and Sir *Thomas Gerrards*, there to make a stand, to impeach the Spaniards from coming to the town, till he received further order for the quartering and lodging of his men. Which done, the Lord Generall with the other two regiments, and his company of adventurers (which was of about two hundred and fifty worthy Gentlemen) in all not fully a thousand men, advanced nearer the town, the better to discover the whole

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ground before it. And as we approached a far off, we might perceive the enemy standing in battel under the favour of the town, with cornets and ensignes displayed, thrusting out some loose horse and foot toward us, as it were to procure a skirmish.

I, marking their fashion, conceived hope of a speedier gaining the town then we intended, and were then about; and said to his Lordship, at whose elbow I attended, that those men he saw standing in battel before the town would shew, and make the way for us into the town that night, if they were well handled; and at the instant I propounded the means, which was to carry our troops as near and covertly as might be, towards the town, and to see by some attempt if we could draw them to fight further from the town, that we might send them back with confusion and disorder, and so have the cutting them in pieces in the town-ditch, or enter it by the same way they did.

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His Lordship liked the project, and left the handling thereof to me, I presently caused the troop to march towards the other side of the neck of land, because the ordinary and ready way to the town lay on that side low and inbayd to the foot of the hilly downs, so as troops might march very closely from the view of the town. Then I chose out two hundred men, which were committed to the conduct of Sir *John Wingfield*, a right valiant Knight, with order that he should march on roundly

roundly to the enemy where they stood in bat-
tel, and to charge and drive to their battels the
skirmishers: but if the enemy in grosse pro-
fered a charge, he should make an hasty and
fearfull retreat (to their judgement) the way
he had gone, till he met with his seconds that
followed him, and then to turn short, and
with the greatest speed and fury he could to
charge the enemy.

The seconds were of three hundred men,
led (as I remember) by Sir Matthew Morgan,
who were to follow the first troop a good di-
stance, and so as both of them till the enemy
were engaged might not at once appear to
them, and to advance with all diligence, when
the troop before them did retire, to meet them,
charge the enemy, enter the town with them
peslemesse. With the rest of the forces his
Lordship and I followed.

The place served well for our purpose, be-
ing covert and of no advantage for their hor-
men, and the directions were so well observed,
that the enemy was engaged in following our
first troop before they discovered the rest; and
so in hope and assurance of victory, being be-
yond expectation lively encountered, they fled
in disorder towards the town, so nearly fol-
lowed of our men, that most of the horfmen
forsook their horses, and saved themselves;
some by the gates, others clambering over the
walls, as did also their footmen, our men fol-
lowing them at the heels to the very gate,
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standing over it and upon the walls to resist us.

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-minted. To the top of this rampier our men climbed, who, being for the most part old and experienced souldiers, of the Bands I brought out of the Low-countries, boldly attempted to climb the wall, from which they beat with their shot the defendants, wanting no encouragements that good example of the chiefs could give them, the Generall himself being as forward as any.

S wrote to Whilest it was hard stroven and fought on that side, I sent a Captain and Countrey-man of mine called *Upsher* with some few men alongst the ditch, to see what guard was held along the wall toward the Bay-ward, and whether any easier entrance might be made that way or no, willing him to bring or send me word, which he did accordingly, though the messenger came not to me. He found so slender a guard that he entred the town with those few men he had, which the enemy perceiving fled from the walls, and our men entred as fast on the other side.

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My Lord of *Essex* was one of the first that got over the walls, followed by the souldiers, as the place would give them leave; and such was their fury being once entred, that as they got in scatteringly so they hasted towards the town without gathering any strong and orderly body of men, as in such case is requisite, or once endeavouring to open the gate for more convenient entry for the rest of the troops. I therefore, foreseeing what might ensue of this confusion, held the third body of the men together, and with much ado brake open the gate, by which I entred the town; and so keeping the way that leads from the gate towards the town, joyned to my foot those men I met withall scattered here and there.

Not farre from the Market-place I found my Lord of *Essex* at a stand with fourty or fifty men, whence I might see some few of the enemy in the Market-place, which made me advance towards them without attending any commandment; who upon my approaching, retired themselves into the Town-house, whither I pursued them, broke open the gates, and after good resistance made by the Spaniards in the upper rooms of the house, became Master of it; in which I left a guard and went down into the Market-place, and found my Lord of *Essex* at the Town-house-door. I humbly intreated his Lordship to make that place good, and give me leave to scoure, and assure the rest of the town, which I did accordingly.

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cordingly. And though I was but slackly and slenderly followed, by reason of our mens greedinesse of spoil, yet such Spaniards as I found making head and coming towards the Market-place, I drove back into the Fort Saint Philip, and the Abby of Saint Francis. Those of the Abby yielded, to the number of two hundred Gentlemen and others; and being disarmed were put into a Chapel, and there left guarded. Those of Saint Philip (it being now in the evening) cryed to us that in the morning they would render the place. Before which also having put a guard, and understanding by some prisoners that there was no other place of any strength but the old town near the Market-place, I repaired to my Lord of Essex, whom I found in the Market-place, and my Lord Admirall with him. And after I had made report on what terms things stood, where I had been; I went to the said old town to visit the guards which were commanded by Sir Edward Conway with part of the forces landed with my Lord Admirall, and from thence to that part of the town where we entred. And thus all things in good assurance, returned to the market-place, where the rest of the forces were, being held together to be readily employed upon all occasions. Their Lordships went up to the Town-house, and there gave God thanks for the victory; and afterwards all wounded and bloody as he was, yet undressed, gave the honour of Knighthood to Sir Samuel Bagnall, for his especiall

ciall merit and valour in that dayes service.

The losse was not very great on either side; for as the Spanish troops that stood ordered without the walls got into the town confusedly and disorderly before we could mingle with them; so every one as he was counselled by fear or courage provided for his own safety; the most flying to the old town and Castle. Those that made head after the first entrance, being scattered here and there, our men as they followed with more courage then order, so encountered them in the like scattering manner falling streight to hand-strokes, so as it seemed rather an inward tumult and town-fray then a fight of so mighty nations.

The next day the old town and the Fort of Saint Philip were delivered unto us, and the people that were in them, except some principall prisoners, were suffered to depart, with great courtesie shewed, especially to the women of better sort. There went out of the town Gentlemen and others likely men to bear arms, betwixt four and five thousand, the brunt of this exploit was born with lesse then a thousand men. We could have no help of Sir *Conniers Clifford*, who mistaking his directions went with his troops to the bridge called *Punto Zuarro* about three leagues distance. And my Lord *Admirall*, notwithstanding his Lordsh. used all possible diligence in the landing his men, arrived not till we were in a manner full Masters of the town. It was long disputed whether the town should

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be held or no. I offered with four thousand men to defend it till her Majesties pleasure might be known. My Lord of *Essex* seemed to affect to remain there in person, which the rest of the Council would not assent unto, but rather to abandon and set it on fire; which we did about fourteen dayes after the taking of it. I got there three prisoners worth ten thousand ducats, one of which was a Churchman and president of the contractation of the Indies. The other two were ancient Knights, called *Don Pedro de Herera*, and *Don Gieronymo de Auallos*.

In the mean time, vvwhether of designe and set purpose, or negligence, the Indian fleet being left unseized on by those vvho had undertaken it, some of the prisoners of the tovvn dealt with the Generalls to have those ships & their lading set at ransome; vvhereupon they had vvith the Generalls conference diverse times, till the said ships were set on fire by the Spaniards themselves, in which was lost by their own confession to the worth of twelve millions of merchandise.

The troops being imbarqued, the Generalls met and consulted upon their next exploit, it was long insisted on to put to sea, and lie to intercept the West-Indian fleet, which commonly at that time of the yeare arriveth upon the coast of *Spain*. But the scarcenesse of our victuals overthrew that purpose, and resolution was taken to sail towards *England*, and on our way to visit the ports of that Coast, and

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so spoil and destroy the shipping. And so first we made towards *Faroll* a good town and Bishops-see of *Portingall*, to which by water there was no safe entrance for our shipping, the town lying better then a league from the sea, served with a narrow creek through a low and marish bottome.

For the destroying of such shipping as might be in this creek, as also for the wasting the Countrey adjoyning, and the town it self (which though it were great and populous, was unfensed with walls) it was thought meet to land the forces in a Bay, some three leagues distant from the town, and so to march thither, which was done, the town forsaken by the inhabitants, taken by us, our men sent into the Countrey brought good store of provisions for the refreshing of the army; the artillery we found, conveyed into our ships, we after five or six dayes stay returned to our ships the way we came. The regiments embattelled and marching at large in a triple-front in right good order, which was so much the more strange and commendable, the men for the most part being new, and once ranged, having little further help of directions from the high officers, which were all unmounted, and for the great heat not able to perform on foot the ordinary service in such cases belonging to their charges.

The troops imbarqued we made towards the Groyne and looked into the Bay; but the wind blowing from the sea, it was thought

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as dangerous to put in, and therefore (victuals
dayly growing more scant , so that in some
ships there was already extream want) it was
resolved to hasten to our Coast, and so about
the midst of *August* we arrived in the *Dovvas*
near *Sandwich*, my Lord of *Essex*, having taken
land in the West parts to be with more speed
at the Court, left order with me for the dis-
solving the land-forces and shipping , and
sending back of the *English* forces into the
Low-countries.

At this parting there arose much strife be-
twixt the mariners and the souldiers about
the dividing of the spoil, for the mariners en-
vying and repining at the souldiers, who as it
fell out had gotten most, purloyned and de-
tained their chests and packs of baggage per-
force; in so much as to satisfie the souldiers I
went aboard my Lord Admirall to desire his
Lordship of redresse, who promised to take
order therein , but some other principall of-
ficers of the fleet shewing themselves more
partiall , asked me whether the poore ma-
riners should have nothing , to which I an-
swered there was no reason they should pill
the poore souldiers who had fought and ven-
tured for that little they had , and that the
mariners hope, having so rich a booty as the
Indian fleet at their mercy , was more to be
desired then the trash the landmen had gotten;
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not forgotten to this houre: of which I feel the smart. The troops dissolved I went to Court and there attended the most part of that winter.

The Island voiage.

IN the yeare of our Lord one thousand five hundred ninetie seven, being the next yeare after the journey of *Calis*, another journey was made by the Earl of *Essex* to the coast of *Spain*, and the Islands with a royall navie, as well of her Majesties own shipping, as of her best Merchants, to which also was joyned a good number of the *States* ships, in all about one hundred and fourty, with an armie of seven or eight thousand Land-men, as well voluntary as prest; commonly called the *Island voiage*.

To which I was called by her Majesties commandment to attend his Lordship; as also to deal with the *States*, that besides the shipping which they were to send with her Majesties fleet by vertue of the contract, they would suffer a thousand of her subjects in their pay, to be transported by me to her said Generall, and fleet for that service. Which having obtained I hastened into *England*, and found my Lord of *Essex* at *Sandwich*, and his fleet in readinesse anchored in the Downes. It was early in the morning, and his Lordship in bed when I was brought to him, he welcomed me

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with much demonstration of favour, and with many circumstances of words.

ly First he told me my Lord *Mountjoy* was to go his Lieutenant Generall, not of his own choice but thrust upon him by the Queen, before me in place, yet that I should retain my former office of Lord Marshall; which as it had been ever in English armies next the Generall in authority; so he would lay wholly the execution of that office upon me; and as for the Lieutenant Generall, as he had a title without an office, so the honour must fall in effect upon them that did the service. With much more speech to this purpose, all tending to perswade me that it was not by his working, and to take away the discouragement I might conceive of it.

as I answered that I had partly understood before my coming out of the Low-countries, my Lord *Mountjoys* going Lieutenant Generall, so that I had forethought and resolved what to do. For though I was sensible as became me, who saw no cause in my self, of this recuilement and disgrace, yet my affections having been alwayes subject to the rules of obedience, since it was my Princes action, and that it could not be but that my Lord *Mountjoy* was placed with her Majesties consent, my sincerity would not give me leave to absent my self, and colour my stay from this action with any feigned excuse; but counselled me to come over, both to obey my Lord *Mountjoy*, and respect him as his place (which I had alwayes much

much honoured) required, much more his Lordship, which was Generall to us both; though I was not so ignorant of his Lordships power, as to doubt that my Lord Mountjoy, or any subject of *England* could be thrust upon him without his desire and procurement. That therefore, as I had good cause to judge that his Lordship had withdrawn much of his favour from me, so I humbly desired his Lordship that as by a retrenchment of the condition I was to hold in this journey, I held it rather a resignation to his Lordship again of the honour he had given me the last yeare, so farre as concerned my particular respect to his Lordship unsought for of me, then a service to him; so hereafter he would be pleased not to use me at all in any action, wherein he was to go chief: he would seem to take these speeches of mine as proceeding rather of a passionate discontentment, then of a resolution framed in cold blood, and that it would in time be digested, and so without any sharpnesse on his part, the matter rested.

The purpose and designe of this journey was to destroy the fleet that lay in *Faroll* by the *Groyne* and upon the rest of the Spanish coasts; & to that end to land our forces if we saw cause; as also to intercept the *Indian* fleet. Part of our land-forces were shipped at the Downs, we did put into *Weymouth* to receive those which were to meet us there. In that place the Generall called my self and Sir *Walter Raleigh* before him, and for that he thought there remained

maintained some grudge of the last years falling out, would needs have us shake hands, which we did both, the willinglier because there had nothing passed betwixt us that might blemish reputation.

From thence we went to *Plymmouth*, and so towards *Spain*. Where in the height of six or seven and fourty degrees we were encountred with a storme, against which the whole navy strove obstinately, till the greater part of the ships were distressed; amongst which, the Generalls, mine, and Sir *Walter Raleighs*, and Sir *George Caryes*; my main mast being in the partners rent to the very spindell, which was eleven inches deep; in so much as to avoid the endangering of the ship, the Captain and Master were earnest with me to have cast it over-board, which I would not assent unto, but setting men to work brought it standing to *Plymmouth*, and there strengthened it, so that it served the rest of the voiage. The Lord *Thomas Howard* Vice-Admirall with some few ships got within sight of the North-Cape, where having plyed off and on three or four dayes doubting that the rest of the fleet was put back, because it appeared not, he returned also to our Coast.

Our stay at *Plymmouth* was about a moneth, more through want of wind then unwillingnesse or unreadinesse of our ships; which with all diligence were repaired. In the mean time our victuals consuming, it was debated in Council, whether the journey could be performed

formed or no without a further supply of victuals. It was judged extream dangerous, and on the other side as difficult to supply the army with victuals, which being to come from *London* and the East-parts of the Realm, and be brought up at adventure, (there being no sufficient store in readinesse) would hardly be ministred unto us so fast as we should consume them. And therefore it was first resolved to discharge all the land-forces saving those thousand I brought out of the Low-countreys with the shipping they were imbarqued in. Then it was further debated in Council, how to employ the fleet, the purpose of landing the army at the *Groyne* being dissolved.

A West-Indian voyage was propounded, whereupon every one in particular being to give his advise, it was assented to by them all, only my self was of opinion it could not stand with the honour, profit, and safety of her Majestie and the State; the fleet being so slenderly provided of forces and provisions, that nothing could be exploited there, answerable to the expectation would be generally conceived; and yet in the mean time through the want of her Majesties Royall navy, and other principall shipping of the Realm, with the choice Commanders both for sea and land, the State might be endangered by an attempt made by the Spaniards upon our own coast; whom we certainly knew to have then in readinesse a

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great power of sea and land-forces in the North-parts of *Spain*.

Things thus handled, the Lord Generall posted to the Court. After his return no more speech was had of the Indian voiage, but a resolution taken to attempt the firing of the fleet at *Faroll*, and on the rest of the coast of *Spain*, and to intercept the Indian fleet, as in our discretions we should think fittest, either when we came upon the coast of *Spain*, or by going to the Islands. With this resolution we set forwards directing our course to the North-Cape with reasonable wind and weather, yet the fleet scattered, for in a manner all the Squadron of Sir *Walter Raleigh*, and some ships of the other squadrons followed him, who for a misfortune in his main-yard kept more to seaward.

The Lord Generall, whilest he and the rest of the fleet lay off and on before the Cape attending Sir *Walter Raleighs* coming (who with some speciall ships had undertaken this exploit of firing the fleet) suddenly laid his ship by the lee; which because it was his order when he would speak with other ships, I made to him to know his Lordships pleasure. He spake to me from the poupe, saying I should attend and have an eye to his ship, in which at that instant there was an extream and dangerous leak, though he would not have me nor any other of the fleet know it. Which leak being stopped he directed his course along the coast Southward, and about

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ten leagues from the *Groyne* called a Council, in which it was resolved to give over the enterprise of *Faroll*, which as it was difficult to have been executed on a sudden, so now that we had been seen by the countrey it was held impossible; and not to linger upon the coast of *Spain* but to go directly to the Islands, the time of the year now growing on that the Indian fleet usually returned.

And to advertise Sir *Walter Raleigh* diverse pinnaces were sent out, that till such a day, the wind and weather serving, the Generall would stay for him in such a certain height, and thence would make directly for the *Azores*. At this Council his Lordship made a dispatch for *England*. I do not well remember where Sir *Walter Raleigh* and the rest of the fleet met us, but as I take it about *Flores* and *Corvo* the westerliest Islands of the *Azores*, where we arrived in seven or eight dayes after we had put from the coast of *Spain*.

We stayed there some few daies and took in some refreshing of water and victuals such as they could yield, which being not so well able to supply us as the other Islands, it was resolved in Council to put back to them, and the squadrons for the more commodity of the fleet appointed unto severall Islands. The Generall with his Squadron was to go to *Fayall*; the Lord *Thomas* with his Squadron, and I with my ship were to go to *Graciosa*; and Sir *Walter Raleigh* with his either to *Pico* or *Saint George*: but Sir *Walter Raleigh* (whether of set

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purpose, or by mistake I leave others to judge) making with his Squadron more haste then the rest of the fleet, came to *Fayall* afore us, landed his men, and received some losse by the *Spaniards* that kept the top of the hill, which commanded both the haven and the town. The Generall with the rest of the fleet came to an anchor before the Island, and hearing of Sir *Walter Raleighs* landing and losse, was highly displeased, as he had cause; it being directly and expressely forbidden upon pain of death to land forces, without order from the Generall, and there wanted not about my Lord that the more to incense him aggravated the matter: seeing the Spanish ensigne upon the hill, his Lordship prepared to land with all haste, and so about an houre before sun-set came into the town.

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A competent number of men were given to Sir *Oliver Lambert* to guard the passages, and then it was consulted how to go on with the enterprise of forcing them. They were entrenched on the top of the hill to the number of two hundred, which was so steep, that it seemed artillery could not be drawn towards the said trench.

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The night growing on I desired his Lordship to give me leave to go up to discover the place, which his Lordship assented unto, and so taking two hundred souldiers I set forward, the young *Earl of Rutland*, Sir *Thomas German*, and diverse other Gentlemen-adventurers accompanying me. At our coming to the

the top of the hill finding no watch in their trenches, we entred them, and possessed the hill; where we found some of our men slain by the Spaniard. The hill was abandoned, as we supposed, in the beginning of the night, unseen or undiscovered of us, or those that were placed at the foot of the hill, we were all very sorry they so escaped; as was also the Lord Generall, for there was no following or pursuing them in that mountainous Island.

The Captain and Officers that landed with Sir Walter Raleigh were presently committed, and before our departure thence Sir Walter Raleigh was called to answer for himself in a full assembly of the chief Officers both by sea and land, in the Generalls presence. Where, every one being to deliver his opinion of the crime, it was grievously aggravated by the most: for my part, no man shewed lesse spleen against him then my self. The Generalls goodnesse would not suffer him to take any extream course, but with a wise and noble admonition forgave the offence, and set also at liberty the Captains that had been committed.

After the fleet had taken the refreshing that Island could afford, which was in some good measure, we put from thence, and for three dayes were plying off and on betwixt *Graciosa* and the Island of *Tercera*, the ordinary way of the Indian fleet; and in the mean time certain were sent a shore by the Generall at *Graciosa*, to draw from the Inhabitants some portion of monie and provisions to redeem

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them from spoiling. They brought word to the Generall in the afternoon that from the Island a great ship was discovered on the road-way from the Indies, but they being sent again with some other to make a full discovery, at their return, which was sudden, it was found to be but a pinnace. I must confesse, in this point I may be ignorant of some particulars, because things were not done, as they were wont, by Council, or, if they were, it was but of some few, to which I was not called. But in all likelihood there was wilfull mistaking in some to hinder us of that rich prey, which God had sent as it were into our mouths.

Howsoever it was, that same night, when it was dark, the Generall with the fleet altered their course, and bare directly with the Island of Saint Michael, as it was given out, to water. A pinnace coming to me in the Lord Generalls name told me it was his pleasure my ship and *Dread-nought* (in which Sir *Nicholas Parker* was) should beat off and on betwixt the Islands of Saint George and *Graciosa*, for that the Indian fleet was expected. The *Rainbow*, in which was Sir *William Monson*, and the *Girland* my Lord of Southamptons ship, were to lie by the like order on the North-part of *Graciosa*: willing us if we discovered any fleet to follow them, and to shoot off now and then a piece of Ordnance, which should serve for a signall to the rest of the fleet.

This order, as I take it, was delivered us about ten of the clock at night. About midnight,

night, or one of the clock, those of our ship might hear shooting, according to this direction, rather in a manner of a signall then a fight, toward that part of the Island, where the other two ships were to guard; which, as we after understood, was from the *Rainbow*, which fell in the midst of the Indian fleet; whom in their long boat they hailed, and by the Spaniards own mouths knew whence they were; who held them in scorn, and in a great bravery told them what they were laden withall. The wind was very small, so as it scarce stirred our ship, but we directed our course as directly to the sound of the Ordnance as we could, and so continued all night; the morning was very foggy and misty, so as we could not discover farre, but still we might hear shooting of Ordnance, when we listned for it.

About eight or nine of the clock before noon it began to clear, and then we might see (as we judged) some five or six leagues off a fleet of twenty sails which was much about half way betwixt us and *Tercera*. The wind began a little to strengthen, and we to wet our sails to improve the force of it, and somewhat we got nearer the Spanish fleet, more through their stay to gather themselves together, then our own good footmanship. All this while the *Rainbow* and the *Girland* followed the fleet so neare, that they might to our judgements at pleasure have engaged them to fight. But their fleet being of eight good Gallions

Gallions of the Kings, the rest merchants of good force, though the booty were of great inticement, it might justly seem hard to them to come by it; and so they onely waited on them, attending greater strength, or to gather up such as straggled from the rest.

The *Girland* overtook a little friggot of the Kings laden onely with Cochinell, which she spoiled, and I found abandoned and ready to sink: yet those of my ship took out of her certain small brasen pieces.

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The Indian fleet keeping together in good order sailed still before us about two leagues, and so was got into the haven of *Tercera*, into the which they towed their ships with the help of those of the Island, before we could come up to them. It was evening when we came thither, and the wind from the land so, as with our ships there was no entering. It pleased my Lord of *Southampton* and the rest of the Captains to come aboard me, where it was resolved to get as neare the mouth of the haven as we could with our ships, and to man our boats well, with direction in as secret manner as they could to enter the haven, and to attempt the cutting of the Cables of the next ships; by which means the wind, as is aforesaid, blowing from the land, might drive them upon us. This though it were a dangerous and desperate enterprise, was undertaken, but being discovered the boats returned without giving any further attempt.

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nace of an adventurer to Saint Michael, to give the Lord Generall advise where he should finde the Indian fleet, and us to guard them from coming out. For we had determined to attend his Lordships coming before the said haven, which I accordingly performed with my ship; though forsaken of the rest the verie same night, I know not whether for want of fresh water, or what other occasion. Three or four dayes after, his Lordship came with the fleet, who sending into the haven two nimble pinnaces to view how the fleet lay, upon report that they were drawn so far into the haven, and so well defended from the land with artillery that no attempt could be made on them without extream hazard, and the wind blowing still from the land that no devise of fire could work any good effect, and all provisions growing scant in the fleet, especially fresh water, his Lordship gave over that enterprize, and put with the whole fleet from thence to Saint Michael.

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The Generall had resolved to land in this Island, and therefore called a Council to advise on the manner; in which it was concluded that the greatest part of the fleet should remain before Saint Michael, to amuse the enemy, and that the souldiers in the beginning of the evening should be imbarqued in the least vessels, taking with us the Barges and long boats, and so in the night make towards *villa Franca*, which was some foure or five leagues off. His Lordship and the rest of the chief of-

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 come near *villa Franca*; I moved his Lordship
 to give me leave in a boat to discover the
 shore, and best landing-place, whilest his
 Lordship gave order for the imbarquing the
 men into the other boats, which his Lordship
 granted, and I performed accordingly. So as
 in due time his Lordship was advertised of it
 to his contentment, and proceeded to the land-
 ing of his forces upon the sandy shore before
 the town; where I could discover none to give
 impeachment, but a few straggling fellows,
 which now and then gave a shot. His Lord-
 ship (as his fashion was) would be of the
 first to land, and I that had learned me of his
 disposition, took upon me the care of sending
 the boats after him. The seege was such that
 few of the men landed with their furniture
 dry. His Lordship himself took great pains
 to put his men in order, and (for that I per-
 ceived he took delight to do all) in good man-
 ners and respect I gave the looking on.

In the mean time some that were sent to-
 wards the town to discover, gave the alarm
 that the enemy were at hand: and I told his
 Lordship it were good to send presently some
 good troop to possesse the town of *villa Franca*
 before the enemy got thither. His Lordship
 willed me to take with me two hundred men
 and to do with them what I thought good my
 self. I took so many of those men that were
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readiest, and bad them follow me, amongst which were some Gentlemen of good account; as Sir *John Scot*, Sir *William Evers*, which accompanied me. I went directly to the town, which I found abandoned, and leaving some guard in the Church, which stood upon the Market-place, I passed somewhat further towards Saint *Michael*: but neither seeing nor hearing news of any enemy thereabouts I returned to the town, to which his Lordship was come with the rest of the army, making in all about two thousand, souldiers, adventurers, officers, and their trains; all which were orderly quartered in the town, where we found good store of wheat.

His Lordship having thus gotten landing advised with his Council, whether it were better to march to Saint *Michael* and spoil that town and water the fleet there, or to send for the rest of the fleet. The difficulties in going to Saint *Michael* were the roughnesse and unevennesse of the way, being for the most part over stony hills, in which a few men well placed might resist and impeach the passage to many; that the people and goods of the town would be withdrawn into the Castle, which was held by a Garrison of Spaniards, not to be forced without battery and much losse of men and time; that till it were gotten, there were no vvatering in that part, and our generall necessity could endure no delay; it vvvas therefore resolved to send for the fleet to villa Franca. In the mean time nevvs came

from the fleet that a West-Indian Carrack, and a ship vvere come into Saint *Michael*, and rode near the Castle. His Lordship presently determined to go thither himself for the better ordering of things, took my Lord of *Mountjoy* vvith him, and by an especiall Commission under his hand committed to my command the land and sea-forces at *villa Franca*. Before his Lordship could arrive at Saint *Michael* the Carrack had run her self on ground under the Castle, and the other ship, vvwhich vvvas not great, laden vvith sugar and Brasil commodities, taken by Sir *Walter Raleigh*. The third day his Lordship returned vvith the fleet to *villa Franca*, and gave order presently to fall a vvatering. There vvvas plenty of vvater, but the shipping it into boats vvvas tedious and troublesome, for by reason of the greatnesse of the seege we vvvere fain by vvading and svvimming to thrust the barrells into the sea vvhere the boats floated. This made the vvork the longer. In the mean time our victuals consumed, and grew low, though we got some little refreshing from the land, which made us content our selves with the lesse water.

After some four or five dayes watering his Lordship gave order to imbarque the army; which he began early in the morning, and continued all the day, for the seege going high, the boats took in their men at a place where but one boat could lie on at once; which together with the distance to the shipping made the lesse riddance, and dispatch. His Lordship
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for the better expedition was most of the time at the waters side, sending still to me for men from the town, as he was ready to imbarque them.

About five of the clock in the afternoon the sentinels that stood on the top of the steeple discerned troops of men on the way towards Saint Michael.

I sent up to the steeple Sir William Constable and some other Gentlemen then about me, to see what they could discern, who all agreed that they saw troops, and as they guessed some Ensignes. I willed Sir William Constable to hasten to his Lordship and tell him what he had seen. I had yet remaining with me about five hundred souldiers, of these I sent out sixty, whereof thirty shot were to go as covertly as they could to^a a Chapel, a great musket-shot from the town on the way the enemy was discovered, with order upon the enemies approach to give their volley, and suddenly and in haste to retire to the other thirty that were placed half way betwixt them and the town; and then all together in as much haste and shew of fear as they could to come to the town, where I stood ready with the rest of the men in three troops to receive them, and repulse, and chase those that should follow them.

This order given, my Lord of Essex with the Earl of Southampton and some other Lords and Gentlemen came to the Market-place, where he found me with the troops. His Lord-

ship enquired of me what I had seen, I said I
 had seen no enemy, but what others had seen
 his Lordship had heard by their own report,
 and might, if it pleased his Lordship, send to
 see if the sentinell continued to affirm the
 same. His Lordship made no answer, but cal-
 led for Tobacco, seeming to give but small cre-
 dit to this alarm, and so on horseback with
 those Noblemen and Gentlemen on foot be-
 side him took Tobacco, whilest I was telling
 his Lordship of the men I had sent forth, and
 order I had given them. Within some quarter
 of an hour we might hear a good round vol-
 ley of shot betwixt the thirty men I had sent
 to the Chapel and the enemy, which made
 his Lordship cast his pipe from him, and listen
 to the shooting which continued.

I told his Lordship it were good to ad-
 vance with the troops to that side of the town
 where the skirmish was, to receive our men,
 which his Lordship liked well, and so went a
 good round pace expecting to encounter our
 men; who unadvisedly in lieu of retiring in
 disorder, maintained the place, which the ene-
 my perceiving and supposing some greater
 troop to be at hand to second, held aloof with
 his main force (for the high-way to the town
 lay by the Chapel, and no other passage for a
 troop, by reason of the strong fence and in-
 closure of the fields) but sent out light men
 to skirmish. Thus perceiving that our men
 held their ground we stayed our troops in co-
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to the high-way. Those of the Island (as we were certainly enformed) could make three thousand fighting men well armed and appointed, besides the ordinary Garrison of the Spaniards.

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Of that number we supposed them, because they had sufficient time to gather their strength together, and for that they came to seek us; and therefore as on the one side we were loth to discover our small number to them, unlesse they provoked us by some notable disorder or necessity, in the defence of our selves; so we thought it not good to lessen our men by imbarquing of men, till the night was come, that silence and darknesse might cover our retreat. And for these reasons I opposed their heat that propounded to charge the enemy, and their haste that would needs have the men shipped without delay.

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In the beginning of the evening, which ended the skirmish, keeping our sentinels in the view of the enemy, his Lordship began to imbarque some troops, and so continued till about midnight that the last troop was put into the boat, his Lordship seeing all imbarqued before he went aboard, but those forelorn men which made the last retreat, which were committed to Sir Charles Percy, with whom I imbarqued without any impeachment of the enemy, or shew to have discovered our departure.

His Lordship made the young Noblemen and some other principall Gentlemen Knights,

Knights, as Sir *William Evers*, Sir *Henry Dockwray*, Sir *William Brown*, and a Dutch Gentleman that accompanied me that voiage in my ship.

We were no sooner aboard, but that the wind blew a stiff gale, so as some were faine to forsake their anchors, and with this wind we put for *England*, which continuing vehement drave us to the leeward of our course towards the coast of *Ireland*. I got in my ship an extream leak, which kept both my pumps going without intermission many dayes and nights before I got to harbour; wherewith my company were much wearied and discouraged even to despair; which made me keep aloof from the other ships, lest the hope of their own safety might make them neglect that of the ship.

The fleet kept no order at all, but every ship made the best haste home they could, which as it might have proved dangerous, if the Spanish fleet which was then bound for our coast, had not been scattered by the same weather; so it was in some sort profitable to us, for some of our smaller shipping which were driven most leeward toward the coast of *Ireland* met with two or three of the Spanish ships, full of souldiers, which they took, by which we not onely understood at our coming to *Plymouth*, their purpose to have landed at *Falmouth* with ten thousand men, but saw the instructions and orders of the sea-fights, if they had met with us, which was so full

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full of perfection, that I have ever since redoubted their sufficiency in sea Cases.

The fleet arriving thus weather-beaten at *Plymouth*, his Lordship posted to the Court, leaving my Lord *Thomas* now Earl of *Suffolk*, my Lord *Mountjoy* and the rest of the Officers there; and shortly came provision of monie with Commission to the said Lords, Sir *Walter Raleigh*, and my self to see the same issued, and distributed by common advise, for the repairing, victualling, and sending about the fleet to *Chattham*, and entertaining of the thousand men I had brought out of the Low-coun-
treys, which were then disposed along the coast of *Cornwall*, and after sent into *Ireland*.

Which businesse dispatched I passed by post to *London*, and near *Mary-bone-parke* I met with Sir *William Russell* in his coach, who being my honourable friend then newly returned from *Ireland*, where he had been Deputy, I lighted to salute him with much duty and affection, who stepping out of his coach received me with the like favour; with whom whilest I stood bare-headed being in a sweat I got cold, which held me so extreamly that for three weeks after I could not stirre out of my lodging.

I understood my Lord of *Essex* was at his house at *Wanstead* in great discontentment, to whose Lordship I gave presently knowledge of my arrivall; as also that I would forbear to attend his Lordship till I had been at Court; which then I hoped would have been sooner

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then it fell out my sicknesse would permit. For I supposed at my coming to Court, her Majesty, after her most gracious manner, would talk and question with me concerning the late journey, and though it pleased her alwayes to give credit to the reports I made (which I never blemished with falshood for any respect whatsoever) yet I thought this forbearance to see my Lord would make my speech work more effectually.

So soon then as I was able to go abroad, I went to the Court, which was then at *White-hall*, and because I would use no bodies help to give me access to her Majesty, as also that I desired to be heard more publickly, I resolved to shew my self to her Majesty when she came into the garden; where so soon as she set her gracious eye upon me, she called me to her and questioned with me concerning the journey, seeming greatly incensed against my Lord of *Essex*, laying the whole blame of the evil successe of the journey on his Lordship, both for the not burning and spoiling of the fleet at *Faroll*, and missing the Indian fleet. Wherein with the truth I boldly justified his Lordship with such earnestnesse, that my voice growing shrill the standers by, which were many, might hear, (for her Majesty then walked) laying the blame freely upon them that deserved it. And some there present being called to confront me, were forced to confesse the contrary of that they had delivered to her Majesty, insomuch that I answered

answered all objections against the *Earl*, wherewith her Majesty well quieted and satisfied sate her down in the end of the walk, and calling me to her fell into more particular discourse of his Lordships humours and ambition; all which she pleased then to construe so graciously that before she left me she fell into much commendation of him, who very shortly after came to the Court.

This office I performed to his Lordship to the grieving and bitter incensing of the contrary party against me, when notwithstanding I had discovered (as is aforesaid) in my recuilment his Lordships coldnesse of affection to me, and had plainly told my Lord himself mine own resolution, in which I still persisted, not to follow his Lordship any more in the warres, yet to make as full return as I could for the good favour the world supposed his Lordship bare me, fearing more to incurre the opinion of ingratitude then the malice of any enemies, how great soever, which the delivery of truth could procure me.

The Government of the BRIELL.

I Stayed the winter following in *England*, in which time my Lord *Sheffeld* making resignation of his Government of the *Briell* into her Majesties hands, I was advised and encouraged by my good friends to make means to her Majesty for that charge; which it was long before I could hearken unto, having no friends to relie on. For, as I had good cause to doubt my Lord of *Essex* would not further me in that suit, so I was as loth to have any thing by his means in the terms I then stood in with his Lordship; much lesse by any other persons that were known his opposers.

Being still urged to undertake the suit, I began at length to take some better liking of it, and to guesse there was some further meaning in it, and therefore I answered, that if I were assured that Master Secretary would not crosse me, I would undertake the matter, whereof having some hope given me, I took occasion one day in the chamber of presence to tell his Lordship as much, who answered me, that as he would be no mover or recommender of suits for me or any other, so he would not crosse me. I desired his Lordship of no further favour then might be lookt for from a man in his place for publick respects. And hereupon I resolved to have her Majesty moved, which Sir *Fulk Grevill* performed effectually:

ctually: her Majesty, as her manner was, fell to objecting, That *I* served the States, and that those two charges could not well stand together.

My Lord of *Essex* was before this gone from Court discontented because of the difficulty he found in obtaining the *Earl-Marshalship of England*; I went therefore to *Wanstead* to his Lordship in good manners to acquaint him with what *I* had done, who rather discouraged me then otherwise in the pursuit. Notwithstanding *I* waited and followed my businesse hard, and one evening in the garden moved her Majesty my self, who alleadging, as before she had done to Sir *Fulk Grevill*, That it could not stand with her service, that both those places should go together; I told her Majesty that *I* was willing (if there were no remedy) rather to forsake the States service then misse the place *I* was a suiter to her Majesty for, in hers; and so for that time her Majesty left me without any discouragement. The *Earl of Sussex* was my onely competitor, and for him my Lord *North* professed to stand earnestly, who (as soon as *I* was risen from my knees) told me that such places as *I* was now a suiter for were wonted to be granted onely to Noblemen. *I* answered there were none ennobled but by the favour of the Prince, and the same way *I* took.

About this time her Majesty being in hand with the States to make a transaction from the old treaty to the new (in which the States

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were to take upon them the payment to her Majesty yearly so much monie as would pay the ordinary Garrison of the cautionary towns) it fell in deliberation what numbers were competent for the guard of the said towns , wherein before my Lords would resolve, they were pleased to call before them my Lord *Sidney* and my self, to hear our opinions, addressing their speech concerning the *Briell* to me, whereunto I made such answer as I thought fit; not partially, as one that pretended to have interest in that Government, but as I thought meet for her Majesties service.

And hereupon Master Secretary took occasion merrily to say to my Lords, that they might see what difference there was betwixt the care of Sir *Francis Vere* , a neutrall man, and that of my Lord *Sidney*, that spake for his own Government: but saith his Lordship, he will repent it when he is Governour, and then told their Lordships *I* was suiter for the place, and that *I* should have for it his best furtherance. My Lords gave a very favourable applause to Master Secretaries resolution , and severally blamed me, that *I* had not acquainted them with my suite, and taken the furtherance they willingly would have given me. It is true, *I* never made any body acquainted with my suit but Sir *Fulk Grevill* and Master Secretary. From thence forward *I* addressed my self more freely to Master Secretary , and conceived by his fashion an assurance of good
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issue, though I had not a finall dispatch in two moneths after.

In the mean time my Lord *Sidney* and my Lord *Gray* were labouring to succeed me in the States service; my Lord of *Essex* had promised his assistance to my Lord *Sidney*, inso-much as when I told him at his coming to the Court in what forwardnesse I was for the *Briell*, and danger to lose my other charge, and who were Competitours to succeed me, he plainly said that he had given my Lord *Sidney* his promise to procure him a Regiment in the States service. I answered, that the command of the Nation belonged to me by Commission; that there was as little reason for my Lord to be under my authority as for me to yield my authority to him; that in respect of his Government he was as incapable of that charge as my self. By this again I found, his Lordships care to hold me back, notwithstanding my Lord *Sidney* had soon made an end of his suit. But my Lord *Gray* stuck longer to it, and was earnestest, inso-much as there passed speeches in heat betwixt him and me, and yet in the end such was the favour of the Prince, that I enjoyed both the one and the other charge.

In the same year one thousand five hundred ninety seven, about the latter end of September, I passed into the Low-countreys, took and gave the oaths that are usuall betwixt those of Holland the Governour and Townsmen of the *Briell*, and so was established in that Government.

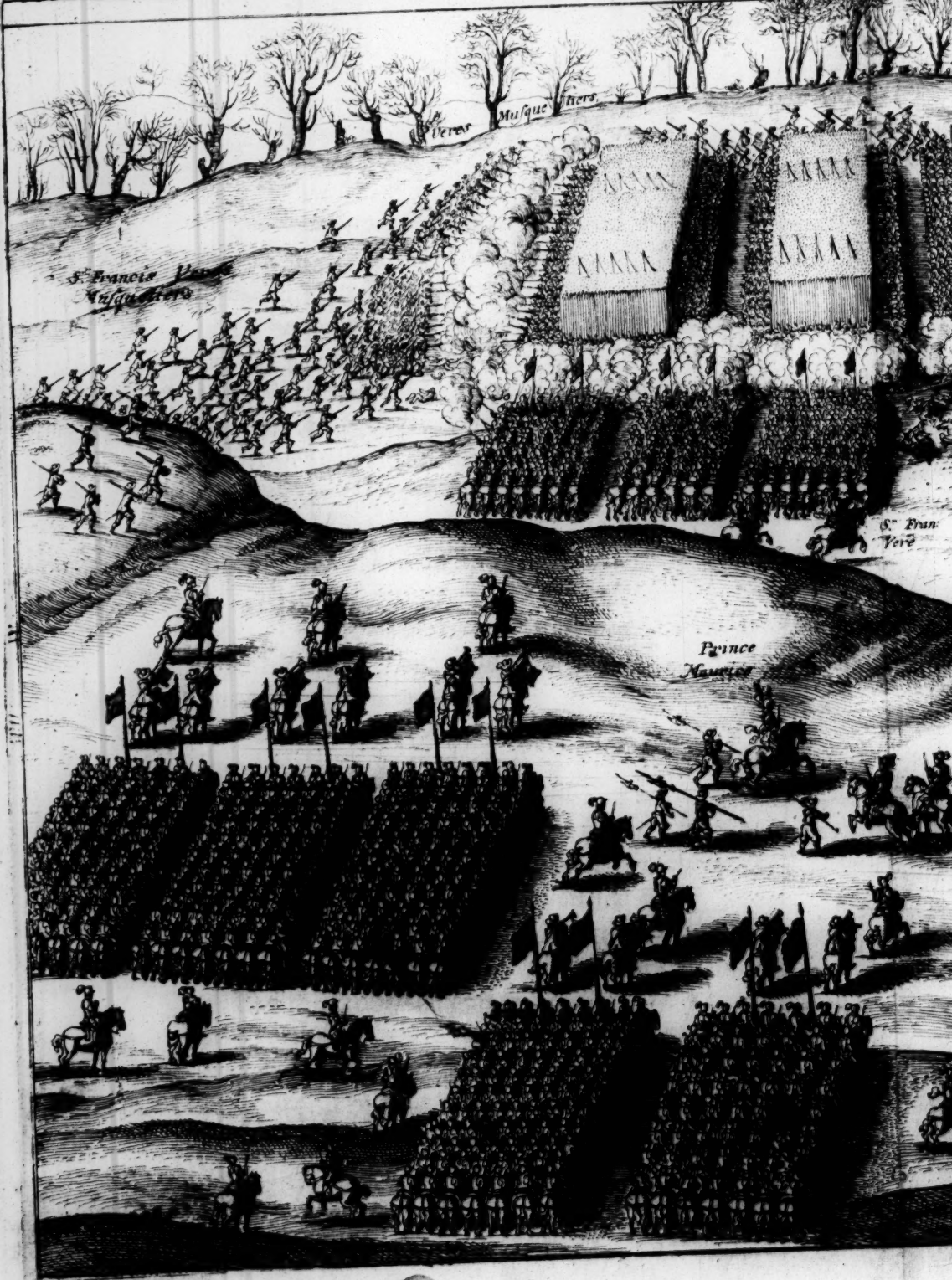
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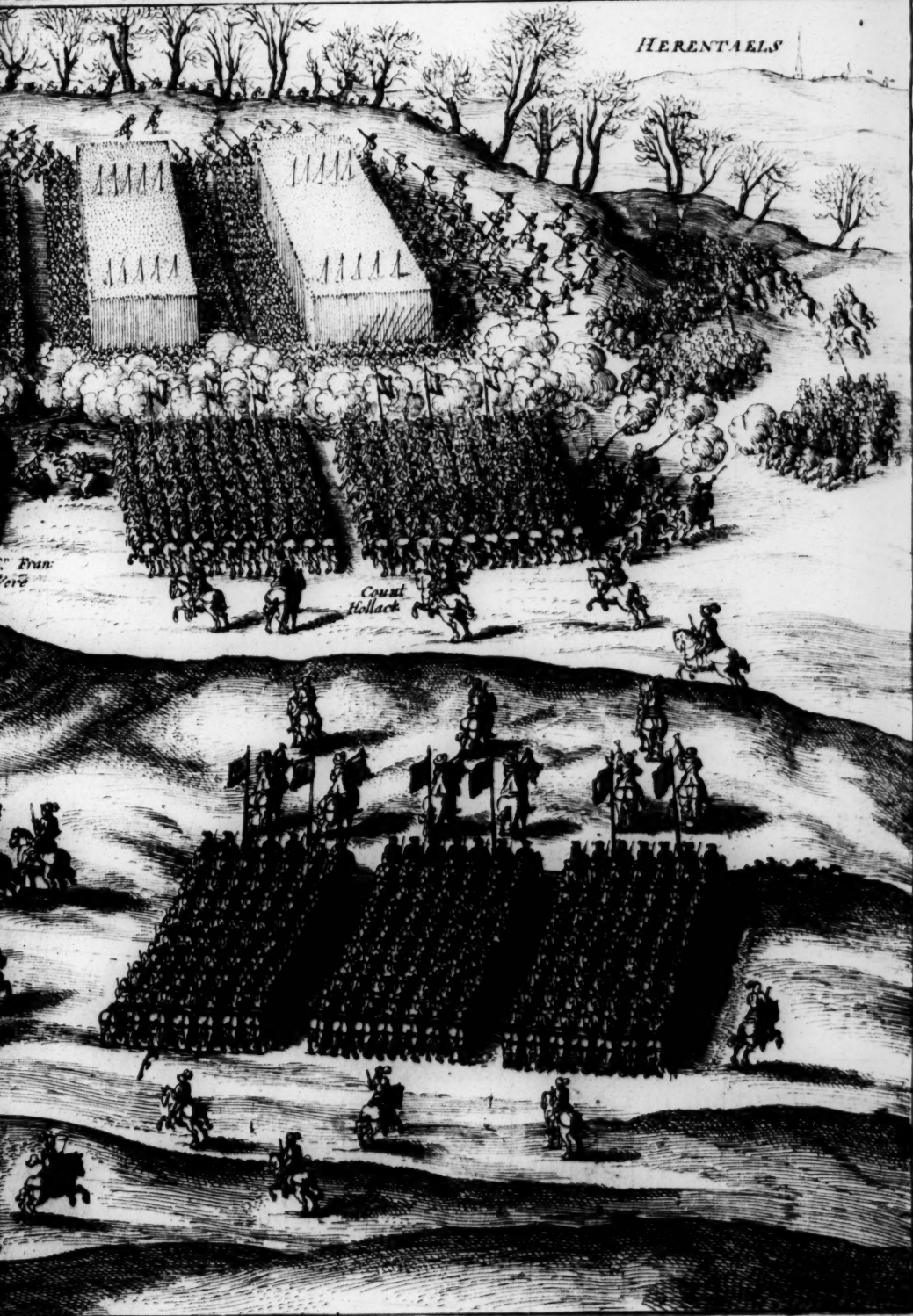
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That winter (one thousand five hundred ninety and seven) the enemy lying at *Turnhoul*, an open village, with four thousand foot, and six hundred horse, one day amongst other speeches I said to *Monsieur Barnevelt*, that they did but tempt us to beat them; which it seemeth he marked, for shortly after the States resolved to make an attempt on them, and gave order to the Count *Maurice* to that end to gather his forces together, which at one instant shipped from their severall garrisons, arrived with great secrecie at *Gertrudenberg*, in all to the number of six thousand foot and one thousand horse, whereof some two hundred came from *Flushing* with *S^r Robert Sidney*, which troop because he desired should march with the rest of the English, in the love and respect I professed and truly bare to him, I made offer to him to command one of the two troops the English forces were then divided into, which he refused not.

That evening was spent in consulting and ordering of things. In the morning by break of day the troops began to march, and continued till two hours within night, and there rested within a league of *Turnhoul*. There we understood by our espiall, that the enemy lay still without any manner of intrenchment, having as yet no intelligence of us. A good part of that night was spent also in debating of matters.

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matters. In the end it was resolved, if the enemy abode our coming in the village, with our Cannon to batter them, & so to dislodge them, or with our troops to force the place upon them. The vanguard was given to the English troops, with the Count *Maurice* his guard, and some other selected companies of the Dutch, which the Count kept ordinarily in the vanguard.

The night was very cold, insomuch as the Count *Maurice* himself going up and down the quarter, with straw and such other blazing stuff made fires in some places with his own hands by the corps-du-guard. Sir *Robert Sidney* and I got us into a barn thronged with soldiers to rest, because there was no sleeping by the Count *Maurice*, who was disposed to watch, whence I was also called to attend him. In the morning we set forward, and by break of day came within a faulcon-shot of *Turnhoul*, where the troops were put in battel; whence sending some light horse towards the town to discover, word was brought that the enemy had caused his baggage to march all night, and that now the rereward of their troops were going out of the town; whereupon the Count *Maurice* caused our vanguard to advance to the town, with which he marched.

By that time we were come to the town, the enemy was clear gone out of it, and some musket-shot off, on the way to *Herentalls* beyond a narrow bridge, over which one man could onely go in front, they made a stand

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with some of their men, and galled our scouts, which followed on the track. The Count Maurice, made a halt half way betwixt the bridge and the town, where I offered to beat the enemy from this passage, if he would give me some men, alleadging that this was onely a shew of the enemy to amuse us, whilest he withdrew the body of his forces; and therefore this required a speedy execution.

Hereupon he appointed me two hundred muskettiers of his own guard, and the other Dutch companies, with Officers to receive my commandments, saying, that he would second me according as occasion should serve: with which I went directly towards this bridge; near which I found the Count *Hollock*, who that journey commanded the horse. He told me of an easier passage over that water, and offered me guides; but the distance agreed not with the necessity of the haste, and therefore I excused my self of altering my way, which he took in very ill part, insomuch as not long after he wrote unto me a letter of expostulation, as if I had failed in the acknowledgment of his authority, which he pretended by an ancient Commission to be Lieutenant-Generall of *Holland*; and consequently of all the forces; which I answered in good and fitting terms to his contentment. And so placing my men in the best places of advantage to command the bridge, I made them play at the enemy, who soon forsook the bridge being so narrow as afore-said, and of a good length. I durst

durst not adventure at the first to passe my men over it, the rather for that the countrey on the other side was very thick of wood: but after a little pause, I thrust over some few foot, and by a foard adjoyning, (though very deep and difficult) I sent some few horse to discover vvhat the enemy did, and causing mine own horse to be led through the said foard, went my self over the bridge, from which some half a harquebush-shot I found a small fort of pretty defence abandoned; into which I put my footmen which were first passed, and sent for the rest to come with all diligence.

In the mean time taking my horse, I rode with some few, officers and others after the enemy, whom we soon espied some whiles marching, otherwhile standing as if they had met with some impediment before them: which we thought was caused by the number of their carriages.

The way they marched was through a lane of good breadth hemmed in with thick underwoods on both sides, fit as I thought to cover the smalnesse of the number of my men. Whereupon, as also on the opinion the enemy might justly conceive that the rest of our troops followed at hand, I took the boldnesse and assurance to follow them with those two hundred muskettiers, which I put into the skirts of the vvood. So as betvvixt them and the high-vvay in vvch the enemy marched, there vvvas a vvell-grovn hedge. My self,

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vwith about some fifteen or sixteen horsemen of mine own followers and servants, kept the high-way, advancing towards the enemy: giving in the mean time the Count *Maurice* advise vvhhat I saw, vvhhat I did, and vvhhat an assured victory he had in his hands, if he vvould advance the troops.

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I vvvas not gone two musket-shot from this fort, but some choice men of the enemy, whom they had appointed to make the retreat, discharged on us, and our men again answered them, and pressing upon them put them nearer to their hindermost body of pikes, under the favour of vvvhich they and such as from time to time vvvere sent to refresh them, maintained skirmish vvwith us. When they marched, I followed; vvhen they stood, I stayed, and standing or marching I kept within reach, for the most part, of their body of pikes; so as I slew and galled many of them, and in this manner held them play at the least four hours, till I came to an open heath, which was from the bridge about some five or six English miles, sending in the mean time messenger upon messenger to the Count *Maurice* and the Count *Hollock* for more troops. And it pleased Sir *Robert Sidney* himself, who also came up to me, and looked on the enemy, when he saw the fair occasion, to ride back to procure more forces. But all this while none came, not so much as any principal officer of the armie, to see what I did.

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On the left hand of this heath (which is little

the lesse then three miles over) were woods and inclosed fields, coasting the way the enemy was to take, in distance some musket-shot and a half. Along these I caused my muskettiers to advance, and, as they could, from the skirts of the heath to play upon the enemy, which was more to shew them and our men that were behinde by hearing the shot, that we had not forsaken the enemy, then for any great hurt we could do them. My self, with some thirty or fourty horse, that were come up to me to see the sport, following them aloof off.

The enemy seeing no grosse troop to follow them, began to take heart, put themselves into order in four battalions; their horsemen on their wings advancing their way easily. When we had in this manner passed half the heath, our horsemen in sixteen troops (for they were so many) began to appear behinde us at the entry of the heath, not the way we had passed, but more to the right hand, coasting the skirts of the heath a good round pace. This sight made the enemy mend his pace, and gave us more courage to follow them, so as now we omitted no endeavour which might hinder their way, falling again into skirmish with them. For they fearing more those that they saw afar off, then us that followed them at their heels, (being a contemptible number to them that might see us and tell us) mended still their pace: I therefore sent messengers to those horsemen (for of our footmen there was

no help to be expected) to tell them, that if they came not with all speed possible, the enemy would get into the streight and fast countrey, in which there could be no good done on them.

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The other horsemen with the Count Hollock, seeing me go to charge, did the like also; so that

that much about one instant he charged on the right corner of their front, and on their right flank, and I with my troops on the rere-ward and left flank, so roundly, that their shot after the first volley shifted for themselves, (for their pikes being ranged in four battels, stood one in the tail of another, not well ordered, as in that case they should have been, to succour their shot, and abide the charge of the horsemen) and so charged their pikes, not breaking through them at the first push (as it was anciently used by the men of arms with their barded horses) but as the long pistols delivered at hand, had made the ranks thinne; so thereupon the rest of the horse got within them, so as indeed it was a victory obtained without fight. For till they were utterly broken and scattered (which was after a short time) few or none died by handy-strokes. The footmen defeated, our horsemen disordered (as they had been in the charge and execution) followed the chase of their horsemen and baggage, which took the way of *Herentalls*.

I foresaw that the enemies horse, that had with-drawn themselves in good order, and untouched of us at the beginning of the fight, would soon put to rout those disordered men, and therefore made all the haste that I could to the mouth of the streight there to stay them. Where finding the Count *Hollock*, I told him he should do well to suffer no more to passe; so riding forward on the other end of the streight where it opened on a champain, I overtook

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Sir *Nicholas Parker*, who commanded the three companies of *English* horse under me, who had some thirty souldiers with the three Cornets; with these I stayed on a green plot just in the mouth of the streight, having on either hand a roade washy way, with purpose to gather unto me those that came after me, and relieve our men, if the enemy chased them.

I had no sooner placed the troop, but I might see our men come back as fast and as disordered as they went out, passing the streight on either hand of me, not to be stayed for any intreaty. The most of our men passed, and the enemy approaching, Sir *Nicholas Parker* asked me what I meant to do; I told him, attend the enemy with our troop there. Then (saith he) you must be gone with the rest; and so almost with the latest, the enemy being upon us, I followed his counsel, and so all of us great and small were chased through the streight again; where our troops gathering head, and our foot appearing we held good; and the enemy without any further attempt made his retreat. There were taken between fourty and fifty ensignes, and slain and taken of the enemy near three thousand; and their Generall *Signieur de Ballancy*, and *Count de Waras* died on the place.

This exploit thus happily atchieved, the Count *Maurice* with the army returned that evening to *Turnboul*, where the castle held by some of the enemy yielded, and the next day marched towards *Gertrudenberg*. And I to

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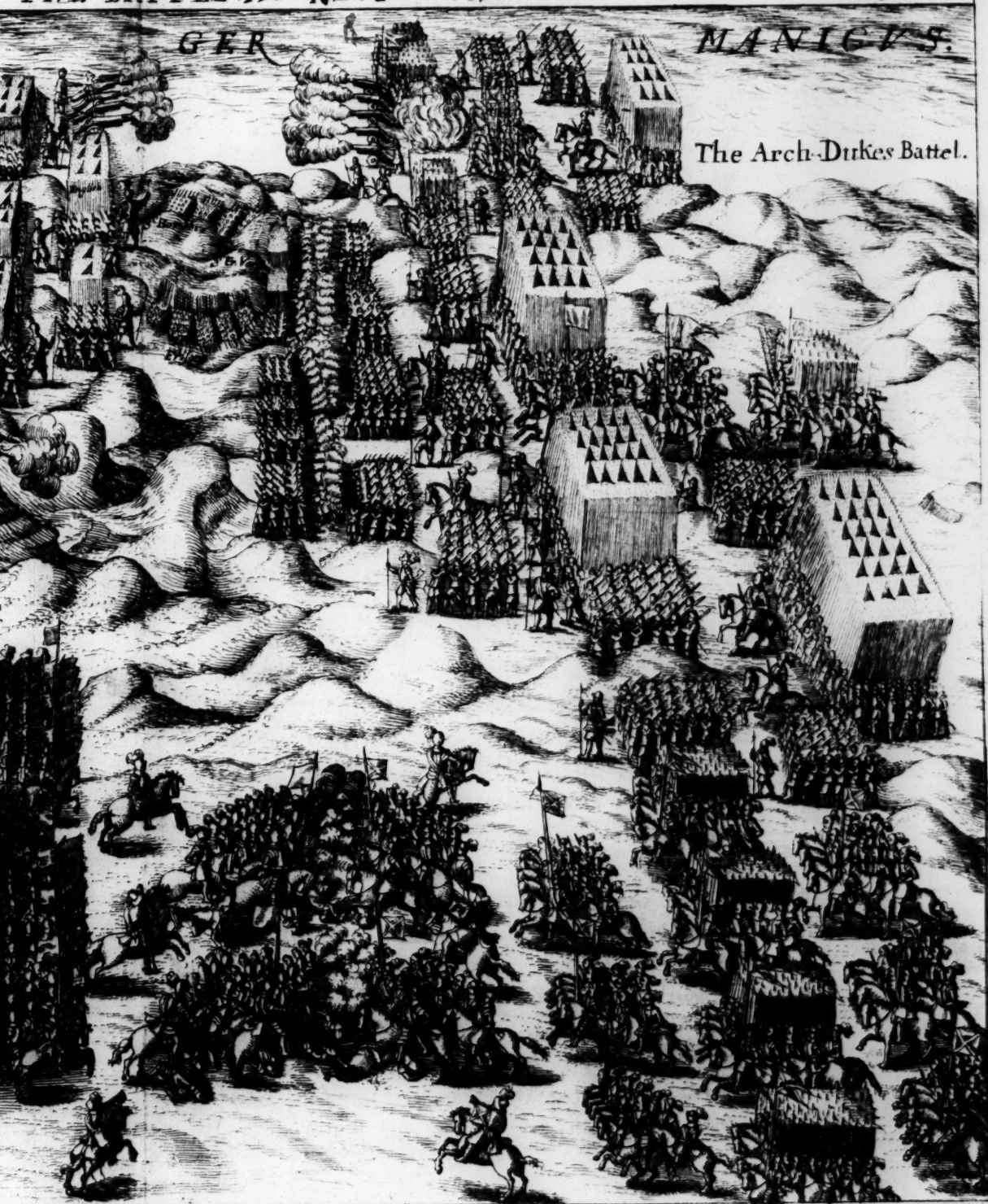
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accompany Sir Robert Sidney, who took the next way to his Government, went with him to *William-Stadt*; where I did on my part truly and sincerely touching the other circumstances of the service, and very friendly when I made mention of him, and gave him my letters to read, and to one of his Captains to deliver in *England*; but my letters were held back, and his delivered, that were far more partially written: which art of doubleness changed the love I had so long born him into a deep dislike, that could not be soon digested.

The Battel at NEWPORT.

IN the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred, the enemies forces being weak and in mutinies, and his affairs in disorder, the States resolved to make an offensive warre in *Flanders*, as the fittest place to annoy the enemy most, and to secure their own State, if they could recover the Coast-towns, which was the scope of their enterprise. As this action was of great importance, so were the meetings and consultations about it many. To which (though unworthy) my self was called; where amongst other things the facility of the execution coming in question, it was by most affirmed that the enemy was not able nor durst adventure to meet us in the field, which I not onely opposed in opinion, but more particularly made it appear that within

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fourteen dayes after our landing in *Flanders* they might and would be with us to offer us fight, as afterwards it fell precisely out.

The army imbarqued with purpose to have landed at *Ostend*; but finding the wind contrary, when we came into *Zeland*, upon a new consultation it was resolved to disembark upon the coast of *Flanders* lying on the river of *Skelde*: and accordingly by a small fort called the *Philippines*, we ran our vessels (which were flat bottomed after the manner of that countrey) aground at a high-water, which, the ebbe coming, lay on dry ground, and so with much ease and readinesse we landed both horse and foot. Our army consisted of about twelve thousand footmen and three thousand horse; and was divided into three parts, committed to severall Commanders, viz. the Count *Ernest* of *Nassau*, the Count *Solmes*, and my self; my troop consisting of one thousand six hundred English men, and two thousand five hundred *Frisons*, and ten Cornets of horse: with which troop I took my turn of vanguard, battel, and rereward, as it fell out. We marched through the countrey to *Eckelo*, and *Bruges*, and so to *Oldenburgh* a fort of the enemies not farre from *Ostend*, which the enemy had abandoned, as also some other of lesse strength; by which means the passage to *Ostend* was open and free.

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great want; the water of the countrey we had passed being for the most part very troubled and moorish. It was again consulted where the army should be first imploied, either in taking the forts the enemy held in the low and broken grounds about *Ostend*, or in the siege of *Newport*: the latter being resolved on, the *States*, who had all this while marched and abode with the army, departed to *Ostend* as the fittest place to reside in. And the Count *Solmes* with his part of the army was sent the direct way to *Ostend*, to take in the fort *Albertus*; and open the passage betwixt that town and *Newport*. The Count *Maurice* with the rest of the army leaving the fort of *Oldenburgh* and the others, which the enemy had forsaken, well guarded, (as was behoovefull, because without forcing them the enemy could not come to us but by fetching a great compasse) marched by *Hemskerk* towards a fort called the *Damme* upon the river that goeth to *Newport*; but finding the countrey weak and moorish, and not able to bear the weight of our carriages and artillery, returned to a small village not farre from *Hemskerk* and lodged there.

Thence we crossed through the meadows towards the sea-side, filling many ditches, and laying bridges to passe the waters, whereof that countrey is full. And so with much adoe we got to the Downs by the sea-side, and incamped about some Cannon-shot from the fort *Albertus*, which was before rendered to the Count *Solmes*. In the morning early we

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marched upon the sea-sands towards *Newport*, and at the ebb waded the river on that side that maketh the haven of that town; and so incamped, and spent two or three dayes in quartering and intrenching our selves in places of best advantage for our own safety, and the besieging of the town; laying a stone-bridge over the narrowest of the haven for our carriages and troops to passe to and fro at all times, if occasion required.

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In the mean time the Count was advertised from those of *Ostend* and those of *Oldenburgh*, that the enemy with good troops of horse and foot were come and lodged near the fort; whereupon consulting, the opinions were diverse, the most agreeing that it was onely a bravado made of *Rivas*, who before, we had heard, had gathered between three and four thousand men together near the *Sluys*, to divert us from our enterprize; and that upon our remove towards him he would make his retreat to the *Sluys* again.

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But this falling out jump with the calculation I had before made, I insisted that it was the grosse of their army, and that it was needfull for us without delay to march thither with our army also, lest that fort and the rest fell into the enemies hands, who might then come and lodge at our backs, and cut off the passage to *Ostend*, to the extream annoyance of the army: that in using diligence to prevent the enemie's taking these forts we might at once block up and besiege those the enemy held

held on the low and drowned lands, which enterprife had been in question, and debated as of equall importance with that of *Newport*. Notwithstanding that my reasons seemed well grounded, the Count *Maurice* was, as he is naturally, slow in resolving, so as for that time no other thing was done.

The same night came messenger upon messenger, first that the enemy had Cannon, then that they of the fort were summoned in the Archdukes name; after, that it was yielded upon conditions. And thrice that night was I called from my rest upon these severall alarms, which confirmed me in my former opinion, upon which I still insisted, with this change, that, whereas my first purpose was to stop the enemies passage under the favour of those forts, now, that occasion lost, we were to march to the hither mouth of the passage our selves had made through the low grounds, and to occupy the same; which was the shortest and readiest way the enemy had to the Downs and sea-side.

The Count *Maurice* liked it well and resolved to send forthwith the Count *Ernest* with two thousand five hundred footmen and five hundred horsemen, with some artillery also and provision to intrench upon the same passage, saying he would follow and second them with the rest of the army in due season; which course I could not approve nor allow of, shewing my reasons how this dividing of forces might endanger the whole; for I knew

the enemy would in all likelihood use all possible diligence to get through this passage, and might well doe it with his vanguard, and part of his forces before the arrivall of these men; which being so few in number would not be able to make resistance; whereas our whole army marching, if the enemy had been fully passed the low grounds, we had our forces united to give them battell, according to the resolution taken, if he sought us or came in our way: if part of his army were onely passed, which was the likeliest, (the shortnesse of time, the hinderance of the night, and the narrownesse of the way considered) then we had undoubted victory: if we were there before him, the passage was ours.

About midnight the Count had his dispatch and order to take of those troops that were with the Count *Solmes* as readiest for that service. The rest of the army was commanded to march down to the havens side, by the break of day to passe with the first ebb. It was my turn then to have the vanguard, which made me carefull not to be wanting in my duty, so as in due time my troop was at the place appointed. And because the water was not yet passable; I went my self to the Count *Maurice* to know his further pleasure, whom I found by the bridge with most of the chief officers of the army: whither not long after news was brought unto him, that the enemy was passed the Downs and marching towards us, which strook him into a dump. I told him that

that all possible speed must be used to passe the forces before the enemy was possessed of the other side of the haven: that therefore I would go to my troop to take the first opportunity of the tide, desiring him to give me his further order what I was to do, when I had passed the haven: he willed me to do in all things as I saw cause my self, calling to him the Count Lodowick of Nassaw, who then commanded the horse as Generall, he bad him go along with me, and follow my directions. So I left the Count Maurice and went to my troop, and so soon as the tide served, I passed my men as they stood in their battalions. The souldiers would have stripped themselves to have kept their clothes dry, as I had willed them when I crossed the haven first; but then I thought it not expedient the enemy being so near at hand. And therefore *willed them to keep on their clothes and not to care for the wetting of them, for they should either need none, or have better and dryer clothes to sleep in that night.*

When the troop of the vanguard was passed, I left the footmen standing ranged in their order betwixt the Downs or sand-hills and the sea, and with the horse advanced towards the enemy, (whom we might discover afar off coming towards us by the sea-side) not to engage a skirmish or fight, but to choose a fit place to attend them in, which was now the onely advantage we could by industry get of the enemy; for by the situation of the countrey that skill and dexterity we presumed

sumed to excell our enemies in, which was the apt and agile motions of our battalions, was utterly taken from us. For the space betwixt the sea and the sand-hills or Downs, was commanded by the said hills, which are of many heads reared, and commanding one another, containing so much breadth in most places that our troops could not occupy the whole, and every where so confusedly packt together, so brokenly and steeply, that the troops could neither well discern what was done a stones-cast before them, nor advance forward in any order to second, if need were. And on the other side of the Downs towards the firm land, if the whole breadth were not possessed, the enemy might passe to the haven of *Newport*, where our bridge and most of our shipping yet lay on the dry ground, and spoil and burn them in our view. All which inconveniences I was to prevent.

Finding therefore a place where the hills and Downs stood in a manner divided with a hollow bottom, the bottom narrower and the hills higher to the sea-side and North then towards the in-land and South, which ran clean thwart from the sea-sand to the in-land, the Downs also there being of no great breadth so that we might conveniently occupy them with our front; and command as well the sea-shore as the way that lay betwixt the low in-land and the foot of the Downs. In that place on the hither side of that bottom, I resolved to attend the enemy, and therefore having caused my

my troop to advance, I drew from the whole vanguard about one thousand men, viz. two hundred and fifty *English-men*, the Count *Maurice* his guard, and of such other companies as usually marched with it two hundred & fifty, and of the *Frisons* five hundred, which were all muskettiers, the other two troops consisting of shot and pikes. The *English* and fifty of the Counts guard I placed on the top of a hill that lay more advanced then the rest, which being steep and sandy was not easily to be mounted, and in the top so hollow that the men lay covered from the hills on the other side, and might fight from it as from a parapett.

Just behinde this hill, about one hundred paces was another far more high, on the top of which also I placed the other two hundred men of the troop of the guard, on which also, with a little labour of the souldier, they lay at good covert.

These two hills were joyned together with a ridge somewhat lower then the foremost hill, which end-wise lay East and West, and broad-wise looked towards the South, or inland, and commanded all the ground passable; on the out-side very steep, loose, sandy, and ill to be mounted, within hollow, in which I placed the five hundred *Frison*-muskettiers, giving charge to the Officers to bestow their shot onely to the Southward, when time should serve; which was directly on our right side and flank, as we then stood turned towards the enemy.

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hundred men ranged with their faces to the
 Northward, looking directly from our left
 flank. If the enemy adventured to passe by us
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 inmost of the two hills, I ranged in a front
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 troops of the *English*, and a pretty distance be-
 hind them more to the seaward, the *Frisons* in
 four battalions, two in front, with a space to
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 ranging the other troops, with a competent
 distance betwixt each troop, so as one troop
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 guard occupied about one third part of the
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 the left hand uttermost to the sea, and more ad-
 vanced, I placed the horsmen.

I had scarce done this work, when the
 Count *Maurice* with the chief Commanders of
 the army came to the head of my troops,
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standers by, which were many, he put in deliberation whether he should advance with his army towards the enemy, or abide their coming. Those that spake (as in such cases most men will not seem fearfull) counselled to march forward, for that they thought it would daunt the enemy, and make the victory the more easie, whereas in attending him he would gather courage out of the opinion of our fear, or take the opportunity of our stay to fortifie upon the passage to *Ostend*, to cut off our victuals and retreat.

I alleadged that their army that had been gathered in haste, brought into a countrey where they intended no such war, could neither have provision of victuals with them for any time, nor any magazines in those parts to furnish them, nor other store in that wasted countrey, and in that latter end of the year to be expected; so as fear there was none that they should seat themselves there to starve us, that had store of victuals in our shipping, and the sea open to supply us with all sailing winds. And as for the vain courage they should get by our supposed fear, (after so long a march with climbing up and down those steep sandy hills in the extreameity of heat, wearied and spent before they could come to us, and then finding us fresh and lusty, and ready to receive them in our strength of advantage) it would turn to their greater confusion and terrour.

They persisted, and, as it were, with one

voice opposed, so as in the end I was moved to say, that all the world could not make me change my counsel. The Count *Maurice* was pleased to like of it, resolving not to passe any further towards the enemy, and for the ordering of things, reposed so much trust in me, as that he believed they were well, without viewing the places or examining the reasons of my doings; but returned to give order to the rest of the army, which as the water ebbed he enlarged to the sea-ward, next the which the horsemen were placed, and six piece of Ordnance advanced into the head of the vanguard.

In this order we stayed, and the enemy, though still in the eie, moved not forward for the space of two hours; and then, rather turning from us then advancing, they crossed the downs, & rested other two hours at the foot of them towards the land; which confirmed their opinions that held he would lodge. But we found reasons out of all their proceedings to keep us from wavering. For it was probable to us, that the enemy over-wearied & tired with that night and dayes travell, and seeing us passed the haven of *Newport*, (wherein to have hindered and prevented us was the greatest cause of his haste) whilest he saw us stirring and ordering our selves, might hope that we that were fresh, now passed and engaged to fight, would advance, the rather to have the help of our troops with the Count *Ernest*, if perchance he were retired to *Ostend*, which, the

the nearer the fight were to that place, might be of most use to us; or else if we had heard of their defeat, we would be drawn on with revenge: But when they saw that we held our place not moving forward, being out of that hope, and not provided to make any long stay, for the reasons before mentioned, they might resolve to refresh themselves, and then to advance towards us; for which that side was more convenient than the bare sea-sands. Withall we considered, that their chief trust resting in their footmen, (which were old trained souldiers, and to that day unfoiled in the field) they would the rather attend the growing of the tide, (which was then at the lowest) that the scope of the sands might be lesse spacious and serviceable for horsemen.

About half-floud they crossed again the downs to the sea-sands, and marched forward, sending some light-horsemen far before the troop, one of which (as we supposed) suffered himself to be taken, who being brought to the Count *Maurice*, told him aloud that Count *Ernest* was defeated, and that he should presently have battel, augmenting the number, bravery and resolution of their men. The losse of our men we understood before, and therefore were carefull to have few present at the hearing of the prisoner; whose mouth being stopped by the Count *Maurice* his order, the rest that heard it bewrayed it either in word or countenance to the souldier.

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their horſmen coming in the head of their troops, in a competent diſtance to have been dravvn to a fight, I vvould very vvillingly have advanced the horſmen of the vanguard near to them, and vvith ſome choice and vvell-mounted men have beaten in their carabins & skirmiſhers to their groſſe; vvith purpoſe if they had been charged again, to have retired in haſte with the ſaid vanguard of horſe betwixt the ſea and the vanguard of foot, and having drawn them from their foot under the mercy of our Ordnance, and engaged to the reſt of our horſe, to have charged and followed them reſolutely. This adviſe could not ſavour to that young Nobleman, that was not well pleaſed with the power the Count *Maurice* had given me over his charge; and therefore was not by him put into execution; who choſe rather as the enemy advanced leaſurely, ſo he in like ſort to recuil towards the foot.

This counſel of mine taking no better effect, and their horſmen now come within reach of our Cannon, I made the motion to have them diſcharged, which was well liked, and ſo well plied, that we made them ſcatter their troops, and in diſorder flie for ſafety into the downs; which had doubtleſſe given us the victory without more adoe, if our horſmen had been ready and willing to have taken the benefit of that occaſion. Their footmen out of our reach kept on their way alongſt the ſands; and the ſooner to requite us, advanced their Ordnance a good diſtance before them, and ſhot roundly at us, and did ſome hurt. The

The water now grew very high, so as both we and they were forced to streighten our front; and the enemy, whether of purpose (as afore said) to fight with more advantage (as he took it) with his foot in the downs, or to avoid the shot of our Ordnance (for he could not be so carelesse as to be surpris'd with the tide, and so driven to this sudden change) put all his forces, as wel horse as foot, into the downs; which his horse crossed to the green way betwixt the low-lands and the downs.

All our horsemen stood with our rereward, hereupon our vanguard altering order, our battel and rereward passed into the downs, and in the same distances backward, & sidewise as they had been on the sands, on my left hand before, ranged themselves : so as the front of the three bodies of foot filled the breadth of the downs, all the horsemen being placed on the green way betwixt the low-land and the foot of the downs, not in any large front, but one in the tail of another, as the narrowness of the passage enforced. I found a fit place on the top of a hill, from whence the green way on the inside of the downs might be commanded with Ordnance, on which by the Count *Maurice* his order two demi-Cannons were presently mounted.

The enemy growing very near, I told the Count it was time for me to go to my charge, asking him whether he would command me any more service, he said, no, but to do as I saw cause, willing us the Chiefs that stood about

bout him, to advise him in what part of the army he should be personally; whereunto we all answered, that for many reasons he was to keep in the rereward of all: which he yielded unto. So I went to the vanguard, and after I had viewed the readinesse and order of the severall troops, the enemy now appearing at hand, I (the better to discover their proceedings, and for the readier direction upon all occasions, as also with my presence to encourage our men in the abiding of the first brunt) took my place in the top of the foremost hill before mentioned; where I resolved to abide the issue of that dayes service, as wel because the advantages of the ground we had chosen were to stand upon the defence, as also for that in that uneven ground, to stirre from place to place, as is usuall and necessary in the execution and performance of the office of a Captain, where the countrey is open and plain, I should not onely have lost the view of the enemy, upon whose motions in such cases our counsels of execution depend, but of my troops, and they of me, which must needs have caused many unreasonable and confused commandments.

The enemies forelorn-hope of harquebuziers, having gotten the tops of the hills, and places of most advantage on the other side of this bottom before mentioned, began from thence to shoot at us, whilest their vanguard approached; which now growing near at hand, five hundred Spanish, pikes and shot mingled without ensignes or precise order, gave

gave upon the place where my self was, and very obstinately for the space of a great half-hour laboured to enter and force it, favoured with more store of shot from the tops of their hills, the grosse of their vanguard standing in some covert from the shot with me, on the other side of the bottom.

In the mean time the vanguard of their horse advanced along the green way so often mentioned, betwixt the low-inland and the Downs towards our horse, that stood more backward against the flank of our battel. Our two pieces of Ordnance were discharged from the top of the hill to good effect, and well plyed; and when they came nearer and thwart our right flank, the five hundred Frison-muskettiers, who (as I have before said) were onely destined to bestow their shot that way, did their part, and so galled them that upon the first proffer of a charge, which our horsmen made, they were put to a disordered retreat, even to their troops of foot, our horsmen following them in the tail, who were fain there to give them over.

At the same instant I gave order that a hundred men should be sent from the foremost troop of foot I had layed (as aforesaid) in the Downs, to have given upon the left flank of the enemy, if he attempted to passe by us upon the sands, and as covertly as they could to approach and give upon the right flank of those that were in fight with me. When they were come up and at hands with the enemy, I

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sent from the hill where I was, by a hollow descent some sixty men to charge them in front, which amazed the enemy, and put them to run, our men chasing and killing them till they had passed the bottom and came to the grosse of their vanguard, from which were disbanded anew the like number as before, who followed our men, and seized on some heights that were in the bottom somewhat near us, covering their pikes under the shadow of the hills, and playing with the shot from the tops upon our disbanded and skirmishing men.

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I sent to drive them from thence (being loth they should gain ground upon us) one of the same troops from whence I had drawn the hundred men before mentioned, with order onely to make that place good. This was a bloody morsell that we strave for, for whilest our men and theirs were not covered with the hanging of the hills, as they advanced or were chased, they lay open to the shot, not onely of those that were possessed of those little hills, but of the other higher, which poured in greater tempests upon them, so as the souldiers that I sent, hasted as for their safety to get the (....) side of the hill, and the enemy for like respect abode their coming with resolution; so as in an instant, as the hill was round and mountable, the men came to handy-blows upon the whole semicircle of it, with much slaughter on both sides, till in the end the enemy was forced to retire.

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foot were come up to the grosse of the vanguard, which as it had taken the right hand of the Downs, so the battel with some distance betwixt them, though even in front, having been well welcomed with our shot from the tops of the hills, stayed in as good covert as the place would afford, sending fresh men to beat ours from those grounds of advantage in the bottom; so as ours beginning to give back I sent a new supply to make good the place in this bottom, sometimes getting and sometimes losing ground.

The fight was still maintained with new supplies on both sides, wherein I persevered, though with losse of men, because the advantage the ground gave me to beat as well upon their grosse as their loose fighting men, made the losse farre greater on their side, my design being, to engage their whole force upon my handfull of men, which I employed sparingly and by piece-meal, & so to spend and waste the enemy that they should not be able to abide the sight of our other troops when they advanced.

The horfmen of their battel and ours encountered, but somewhat more advanced toward the enemy, our men having gotten courage with the first successe: so as our forementioned *Frison*-muskettiers could not so well favour them, but our horfmen being put to retreat, the enemy in the pursuit being saluted by them were stopped and drew back.

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the other two bodies (for so I term them because their ensignes remained together, though most of the men were drawn from them and in fight, and the ensignes barely attended) advanced on the left hand of the battel, and spreading the breadth of the Downs they were to my troop rather on the corner of the right flank then a front; and our battel and rere-ward (upon which they directly fronted) a musket-shot behinde my troop, toward which it seemed they intended to advance.

First we gave as much to them as we could spare from our hills, but when they began to open upon my *Frison*-muskettiers, which (as before is said) could onely bestow their shot on our right flank, and till that time had done no service but against their horse, they were exceedingly galled, so as they staid suddenly, and amazed, or ashamed to go back seeing none to chase them, in a bottom of some small covert, bestowed themselves; sending out some skirmishers along the Southermost part of the Downs, against which some loose men were sent from our bodies: but our muskettiers that shot standing, and without fear from their rests, galled them most. The horsmen of the rereward shewed themselves on both sides, and some little bickering there was, and so they retired out of the footmens reach.

This was a strange and unusuall fight, for whereas most commonly in battels the successe of the foot dependeth upon that of the horse, here it was clean contrary; for so long

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as the foot held good, the horse could not be beaten out of the field, though, as it fell out, they might be chased to them.

All this while the fight continued without intermission hotter and hotter betwixt the other two troops of the enemies and me, both of us sending fresh supplies, as occasion required, to sustain the fight. Inſomuch as the whole troops of the *English* were engaged to a hand-fight in the foreſaid bottom, ſaving thoſe few that were placed on the hills; and on the enemies part alſo few were idle.

And now I ſaw was the time to give the enemy a deadly blow, his groſſes being diſbanded as well in occupying places of height and advantage to annoy us, as by thoſe that were ſent to diſpute the places in queſtion. For their onely ſtrength now conſiſted in their looſe men, which any few horſe charging on a ſudden in that bottom would have put to flight, and being followed peſſe-meſſe with our foot would never have had means to have rallied & gathered themſelves together again. On the other ſide, I knew that without further ſuccours their numbers would weary and eat us up in the end. I therefore at once ſent to the *Frifon*-footmen of the vanguard to advance, and to the Count *Maurice* to tell him how things ſtood, and to deſire him to ſend me part of the horſe of the battel; and becauſe I ſaw the enemy preſſe & gain upon our men more and more, I ſent again meſſenger upon meſſenger.

In the mean time, to give our men the more

courage, I went into the bottom amongst them, where riding up and down I was in their eyes both doing the office of a Captain and souldier, and with much adoe we entertained the fight, though the enemy encroached and got upon us.

At my first coming I got one shot through my leg, and a quarter of an hour after another through the same thigh, which I then neither complained nor bragged of, nor so much as thought of any Chirurgeon; for I knew if I left the place my men would instantly quail. I therefore chose (not having been used to have my troops foiled) to try the uttermost rather than to shew them the way to flee, hoping still for the coming of the *Frisons* and the horse I sent for. But their haste was so small that my men overlaid with number forsook the place, notwithstanding my best endeavour to stay them hasting along the sands towards our Cannon, the enemy following them hard.

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I was forced seeing them all going, to go for company, with the last, uneasily and unwillingly (God knows) and in the way my horse fell dead under me, and upon me that I could not stirre: I had neither Officer, Gentleman, nor servant about me to give me help. Sir *Robert Drury* by chance came, and a Gentleman, being a servant of his called *Higham*, drew me from under the horse and set me up behinde his Master; which help came very seasonably, for the enemy being near at hand, when

when I fell, by this means I was saved out of their clutches.

Thus I rode to the Ordnance, where I found my brother *Horace* and the most of the officers that were living with some three hundred foot. I made them stand from before the Ordnance, and willed the Cannoniers to discharge upon the enemy that now swarmed upon the sands, and at the same instant, my own companie of horse and Captain *Balls* coming thither, I willed them to go to the charge, and my brother with the foot to advance and second them home. This small number of horse and foot made an exceeding great change on a sudden, for the enemy in hope of victory followed hard, and being upon the sands, where horse might serve upon them, were soon routed, most cut in pieces, the rest saving themselves by flight, as they could, in the downs, our men both horse and foot followed them.

Their battels, where their ensignes remained, began to stirre and rouse themselves, rather for defence then to revenge their fellowes, for they advanced not.

Our men from the top of the hills, who had kept their places from the beginning, having by this means a fair mark plyed them with shot: our *English* souldiers on all hands with new courage resorted to the fight, and finding these battels very small & thin by reason of the men they had sent to supply the fight, especially of shot, which in these uneven places were of most service, pelted them with our shot, and

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pressing upon them made them recule. The Count *Maurice* seeing things on these termes, caused the battel to advance, and his horsmen to make a proffer upon the enemies; upon which fight without attending any strokes the enemy routed and was chased out of the field.

In this last charge I followed not, for seeing the successe upon the sands, and knowing that my directions in the prosecution of the victory would be executed, I could easily judge that the work of that day was at an end. And therefore began to care and provide for my self, who all this while having been undressed, the bloud leaking from me at four holes, together with a dangerous disease that had long held me, had made me extream weak and faint.

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The enemy lost above one hundred and twenty ensignes, most of his foot slain, not many of his horse lost. On our side in a manner the whole losse fell upon *English*, of which near eight hundred were hurt and slain, eight Captains slain, the rest all but two hurt, and most of my inferiour Officers hurt and slain. In the rest of the army there was no losse at all to speak of, especially amongst the foot.

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I dare not take the whole honour of the victory to the poor *English* troop of one thousand six hundred men, but leave it to be judged by those that may give their censure with lesse suspition of partiality. I will only affirm that they left nothing for the rest of the

the army to do, but to follow the chase, and that it hath not been heard of that by so small a number, in a ground so indifferent (whereof the onely advantage was the choice and use of the same) without help of spade or other instrument or engine of fortifying , so great and so victorious an army, as the Archdukes, had been so long wraſtled withall, and so far spent. Yet this victory had been as assured with lesse losse and touch of reproach (if to give ground to a stronger may be subject to a disgracefull imputation) had the succours of horse or the foot I called for come sooner to us, wherein I will charge and accuse none, but the messengers of their slacknesse.

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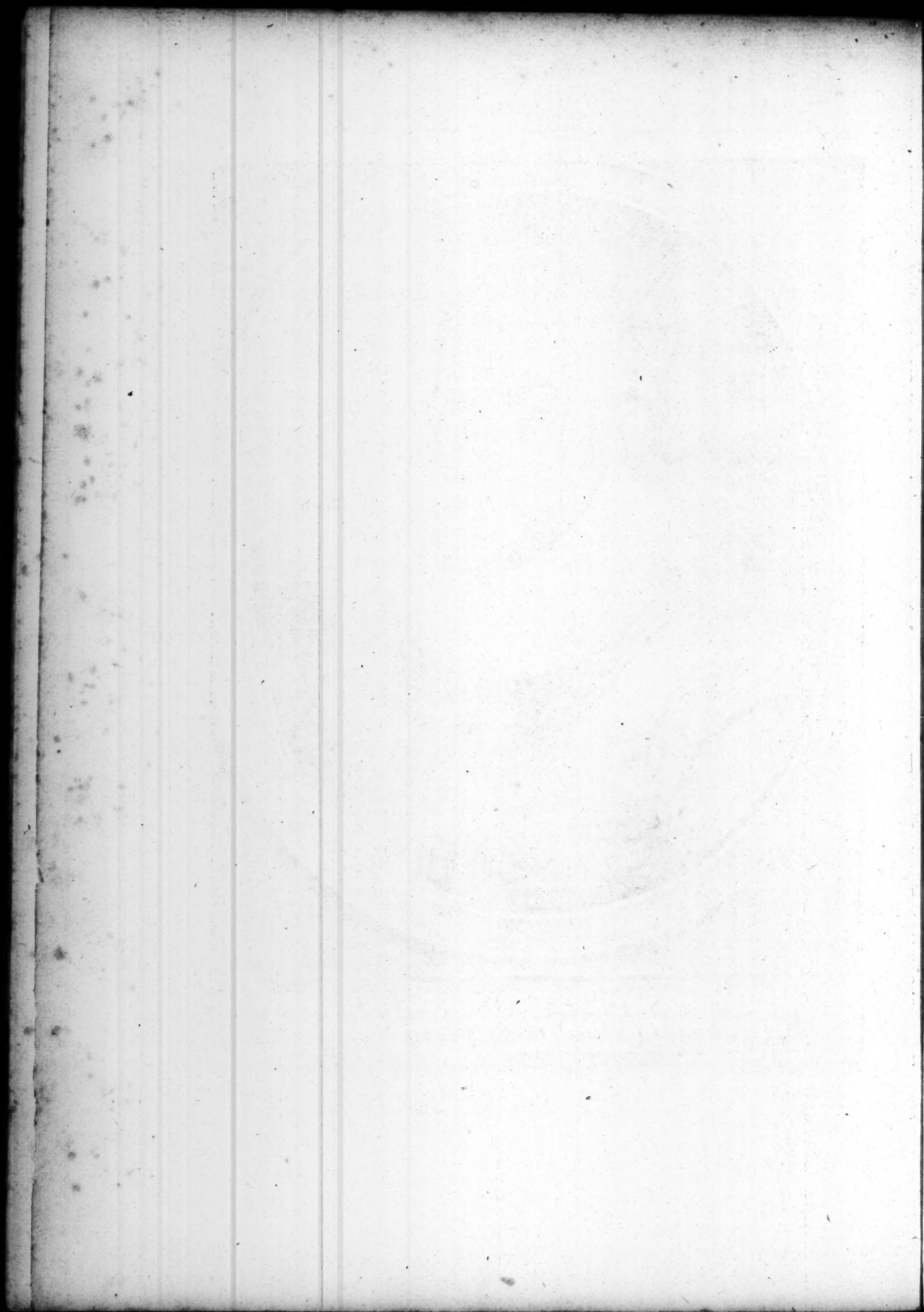
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*An Account of the last charge at NEW-
PORT-battel, by Sir John Ogle.*

THe English, who (as that great Captain Sir Francis Vere well noteth) had borne the burthen of the day, over-laid with numbers , and wearied with fight (their succour not coming to them in time) were forced to retire themselves in such order as they could from the downs to the strand, where meeting (but too late) with the Fris- sons, they (like good-fellows) to keep us company, turned all fairly back again with us, and so we both marched away together in one confused troop. Some loose horsemen of the enemies came up close to us, and kild of our men, thrusting divers of them with their rapiers under their armour in at their backs. Their foot followed leasurely and were aloof, as not knowing how suddenly we might turn and make head again; for our men kept both their arms, and in troop; which Sir Francis Vere, upon occasion given by some speeches of mine, noted to me for a good signe: neither was our retreat , or the enemies pursuit of any extraordinary swift pace, as easily may be gathered by the considerations both of their and our motions: for we had the leasure (though , I confesse, not without danger) to pluck our Captain from under his horse, and mount him again behinde another, as himself hath told in his own relation; wherein I cannot but wonder that it pleased him not to make mention of me, as well as Higham , since his blood (which remained on my clothes so long after as I thought fit to wear them) witnessed clearly, that I could not be far from him, when



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Lieutenant Colonel to S^r. Francis Vere.



when that office, that came so seasonable and in so good a time, as he saith, was performed unto him.

In this retreat of ours there wanted no persuasions, as well by Sir Francis Vere himself, as some others, to move our men to stand and turn; for we saw a kinde of faintnesse and irresolution even in those that pursued us nearest. And it is certain (if we may call any thing certain whose effects we have not yet seen) that if then we had turned and stood, we had prevented that storm of fortune, wherein we were after threatned, at least we had saved many of our mens lives. But such apprehensions of fear and amazement had laid hold of their spirits, as no persuasion of reason could (for that time) get any place with them. Sir Francis Vere with his troop formerly mentioned, took his way towards the Cannons along the sands, where he by his Chirurgion, they by their fellows might hope for succour: I being faint and weary through heat and much stirring, took some few with me, and crossed into the downs, there awhile to rest me, till I should see how the succeeding events would teach me to dispose of my self, either by direction or adventure.

I was no sooner come thither, but I met with Captain Fairfax and young Mr. Gilbert, who soon after was slain near unto us: there we consulted what we should do, but the time and place affording no long deliberation, taught us to resolve, that the best expedient for our safety was, to endeavour the speedie increase of our little number which we had with us, (I think they were thirty men:) having brought which to a reasonable competency, our further purpose was to give a charge, when we should finde it most expedient, that so (with our honours) we might put an end to those un-

certainties the fortune of that day had (to our judgments) then thrown upon us.

It was not very long ere that our little body was multiplied to better then an hundred men; for the loose and scattered begun of themselves without labour to rally unto us; so much prevails union even in a little body: for whilest to it the broken and disbanded ones do willingly offer themselves for safetie and protection, they themselves by adding of strength to that body, not onely increase the number thereof; but do give and take the greater security to themselves and others.

We were all this while within lesse then musket-shot of a grosse of the enemy, which stood in a hollow or bottom within the downs, the hills about it giving good shelter against the drops of our shot, (for the showers of them, as also of the enemies, were spent and fallen before) but neither were they so high, nor so steep, that they could forbid entry and commodious passage of charging either to our horse or foot.

This grosse had not many wanting of two thousand men in it, and spying (as it should seem) our little handfull (which at the first they might peradventure neglect or contemn, in regard it was so small a number) now begin to gather some bulk and strength, thought it not unfit to prevent a further growth; and to this end sent out an hundred and fifty men with colours (closely and as covertly as they could) along the skirt of the downs next the inland and South-ward, with purpose to charge on the flank or back of us; which they might very conveniently do as we then stood.

These men were advanced very nigh us ere we descried them, when (lo) just upon the time of their disco-

discovery, and our men ready to fall upon them, comes Sir Horace Vere on horsback from the strand (it should seem from the pursuit of the enemy, whom the horse had scattered, mentioned by his brother Sir Francis Vere) and with a troop of some two hundred men, marched along the downs towards us. In this troop there were with him Captain Sutton, his own Lieutenant-Colonell Lowel that commanded Sir Francis Vere's foot-company, and some Lieutenants; Morgan also came to us about the time that Fairfax and I joyned unto him, and these were the officers that were afoot in the last charge. The disbanded troops of the enemy seeing us strengthened with such supplies, thought it their fittest course to hasten them the same way they came forth towards us. Captain Fairfax and I would have charged, but Sir Horace Vere willed us to joyne our troops with his, and said we should go together and give one a good charge for all upon that great troop, which we saw stood firm before us. We had now with us (our troops being joyned) about some five ensignes, amongst which was mine own, which after was lost in the charge, but recovered again by my officer.

The vigilant & judicious eie of Prince Maurice his Excellency was (it should seem) upon our actions and motions all this while, for (as I have been enformed) he seeing us make head, said to those that stood about him, Voyez Voyez Les Anglois, qui tournent a la charge, and thereupon gave present order to Dubois (then Commissary-generall for the Cavallierie) to advance some of the horse to be ready to attend and fortifie the events that might happen upon this growing charge. This I have not of knowledge, but from such

hands, as it were ill be seeming me, or any man to question the credit of one of that ranke, qualitie, and reputation. Our troop now, & the disbanded troop of the enemies marched both towards this grosse, almost with equal pace, saving that their haste was a little greater, according to the proportion of their danger, if they had fallen into our clutches (being then much too strong for them) ere they recovered the shelter of their own grosse; yet such haste they could not make, but that we were with them before they had wholly cast themselves into their friends arms, who opening to receive them facilitated not a little of our charge the passage, who then fell in pesse-messe together amongst them.

Much about this time came in the horse, namely, the troops of Vere, Cecill and Ball, who rushing in with violence amongst them so confounded and amazed them, that they were presently broken and disjoynted, which being done, the slaughter was great to them on their side, as the execution easie to us on ours. This rupture also of theirs was not a little farthered by the Archdukes own troop of Harquebusiers, which having advanced somewhat before this grosse, on the skirt which lay betwixt the inland and the higher downs, was so encountered by Cecil and his troop, (who had as then received order by Dubois from his Excellency to charge) that they were forced with confusion to seek succour amongst their foot; Cecil following them in close at their backs, Vere and Ball (as I take it) charged at the front by us, having crossed into the downs from the sands and North-side towards the sea. It should seem that having broken and scattered the enemy, who (as Sir Francis Vere himself relateth) were by them driven into the Downs, and seeing Sir
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Horace Vere also to have taken his way thither, they thought it perhaps convenient to hover thereabouts, and to hold an eye upon ours and the enemies actions, the rather because they might discern Sir Horace Vere now making a new head, and so seeing us charge, charged also with us, which was not disagreeable to their first directions given and mentioned by Sir Francis Vere.

And this (by all probable conjecture) must also be the cause why Sir Francis Vere in his discourse maketh no mention of Sir Edward Cecil; for he not having his direction from him to charge, but from his Excellency (as himself hath told me) Sir Francis Vere being ignorant thereof, and himself likewise not at the charge in person, whereby he might take notice of any mans presence, would not (as appears) expose himself to interpretations, by making any further relation touching particulars, then what might receive credit, either from his own eyes, or commandments. This charge (through the hand and favour of God) gave us the day; what followed is before already set down by that great and worthy Captain Sir Francis Vere.

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“ Clement Edmonds, that learned and judi-
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 “ London, in an observation of his on the
 “ sixth book of *Cesars* Commentary, ma-
 “ king it his designe to draw the exact effi-
 “ gies of a good *General*, though he could
 “ not be far to seek for an exemplar, while
 “ he had *Cesar* so nigh him; yet found rea-
 “ son to borrow the best lineaments of his
 “ piece out of the actions of Sir *Francis Vere*.
 “ And to say truth, the whole picture there
 “ drawn is so like him, that it does most
 “ lively represent him with at least a three-
 “ quarter-face; which is more then the
 “ painter (it seems) could do. And lest
 “ you should any longer doubt whether it
 “ be his picture, you shall finde his very
 “ Motto expressed in it: But because it casts
 “ so strong a reflection upon this battel
 “ of *Newport* (without reference to which
 “ Sir *Robert Naunton* thought neither he nor
 “ his Noble Brother could be taken to the
 “ life) I have thought good here to give
 “ the Reader a copie of it.

I Have already handled this practice of a pretended
 fear, which the History doth so often recommend to
 our consideration, and have shewed the inconvenience
 of over-light credulity, leading such easie weeners to a
 disappointment of their hopes, and consequently to the
 hazzard of their fortune. I will now proceed to that
 which is further implied in this relation, and respecteth
 the chiefeſt duty of a chief Commander: and that is,
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What specially is required of a Generall in the carriage and direction of a battel. Concerning which point, as there is nothing more materiall to the effecting of any businesse then opportunity of time, conveniencie of place, and an orderly disposition of the MEANS according to TIME & Place: so in question of encounter or waging battel, the duty of a Leader may be included in these three circumstances. Concerning the quality of the place, as the chiefest and first respected in the choice of a judicious directour, the whole scope of the Romane discipline, from the time of their first Kings even to the last of their Emperours, did alwayes aim at the advantage of place, as a necessary help for the obtaining of victorie: which I have already noted in the Helvetian action. Yet forasmuch as the wisdom and experience of those times did deem it a circumstance of such importance, give me leave once again to inforce the use thereof by these examples. *Habetis milites (saith Labienus in this place) quam petiistis facultatem, hostem iniquo atque impedito loco tenetis, præstate eandem nobis duobus virtutem, quam sæpenumero Imperatori præstitistis: Ye have, fellow-souldiers, that opportunitie which ye desired, &c. Whereby he cleareth himself of all imputation of ill direction; as having performed the uttermost duty of a Commander, and given such helps by the advantage of the place as are requisite to an easie victory, leaving the rest to the execution of the souldiers. Cesar at the losse he received at Dirrachium cleared himself to his souldiers in this sort: Quod esset acceptum detrimenti, cuius potius quam suæ culpæ debere tribui, locum securum ad dimicandum dedisse, &c. The da-*

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mage that was received was to be attributed to any body rather than him, he had chosen them a safe place of fighting, &c. And as it followeth in the seventh Commentary, being imbattelled upon the side of a hill right over against the army of the Galles, which stood likewise in a readinesse to entertain the Romane valour, he would not suffer his men to hazard themselves in the passage of a bogge of fifty foot in breadth lying between both the armies, but rather perswaded his souldiers, disdainning the confrontment of the enemy, to endure their contumely, rather then to buy a victory with the danger of so many worthy men, and patiently to attend some further opportunity. Which passage of Cesar, even in the said terms as it is there related, was urged to good purpose by Sir Francis Vere in the year one thousand six hundred at a consultation before the battel of Newport. For the army of the Netherlanders being possesst of the Downs, which are small swelling hils rising unevenly along the sea-shore upon the coast of Flanders, and the enemy making a stand upon the sands at the foot of those hils, and so cutting off the passage to Ostend, it was disputed by the Commanders, whether they should leave the Downs, and go charge the enemy where he stood imbattelled upon the sands, or attend him in the fastnesse of the Downs whereof they were possesst. The whole Council of war were earnestly bent to forsake the Downs, and to hazard the fight on equall terms, as impatient that their passage and retreat to Ostend should be cut off. But Sir Francis Vere well knowing how much it imported the businesse of that day to hold a place of such gain and advantage, perswaded Count Maurice by many reasons, and specially by this
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of Cesar, which I last alledged, not to forgo the help of the Downs, but to expect the enemy in that place, and so make use of that benefit upon the first encounter, rather then to adventure the successe of the battel in worse terms, in hope of clearing the passage: and shewing also many probable conjectures, that the enemy would not continue long in that gaze. Wherein as his opinion then prevailed, so all that were present were eye-witnesses both of the truth of his conjecture, and the soundnesse of his judgement. For the enemy within a while after coming on to charge the troops of the States, was received with such a counterbuff from the bills, and were violently beaten back in such rude manner, as our men had the execution of them for the space of a quarter of a mile or more, which was no small advantage to the fortune of that day. Touching the opportunity of time, which Pindarus calleth the Mother of worthy exploits, & oftentimes dependeth upon the circumstance of place, a General ought carefully to advise that he neither precipitate nor foreflow the occasion, which is well expressed in this particular service of Labienus. For where his purpose was to draw the enemy over a river that had steep & uneasie banks, and thereby of a hard and difficult passage, he would not shew his resolution until he had drawn them all over the river: for he was well assured that the Romane legions would so charge the enemy upon their first encounter with the unresistable weight of their piles, that in their giving back they could not escape the danger of the river. And therefore to make the victory more absolute and compleat, he suffered them all to come over the water, that all might be endangered in their passage back again. And this is the benefit which opportunitie bringeth,

which is the rather to be attended with all carefulnesse, forasmuch as Non sæpe, ac diu, eadem occasio est, a man hath neither often nor long the same opportunity.

Concerning the last circumstance, of the apt and fit disposition of the forces according to Time and Place, which is necessarily required in the dutie of a General; it is referred to this end onely, that they may be ranged in such manner, that as one man is assistant to another in their severall files and ranks, so one troop may be in subsidiis, assistant to another, to the end that no part may stand naked, or fall in the singleness of its own strength, but that one may second another from the first to the last. C. Sempronius a Romane Consul having fought unadvisedly, and received an overthrow, Julius the Tribune of the people caused Tempanius a horsman that was present at the battel to be called, and as Livie reporteth it, Coram eis, Sexte Tempani, inquit, arbitrerisne C. Sempronium Consulem, aut in tempore pugnam inisse, aut firmasse subsidiis aciem? he said thus before them, Sextus Tempanius, do you believe that C. Sempronius the Consul chose a good time to fight, or that he took order for assistant supplies to his army? for Livie saith, he fought incautè inconsultèque, non subsidiis firmatâ acie, non equite aptè locato, heedlessly and without good advice, neither strengthening his army with supplies, nor well placing his cavalry. And of these three circumstances consisteth the duty and office of a Generall, touching the direction of a battel; wherein whosoever faileth, doth hazzard the prerogative of his command over that army which he leadeth, according to that of Cesar in the
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first of his Commentaries, Se scire, quibuscunq; exercitus dicto audiens non fuerit, aut malè re gestâ fortunam defuisse, aut aliquo facinore comperto, avaritiæ esse convictum, that he knew well, whensoever an army refused to be obedient to their Commander, it was either because upon some ill successe they saw he was unfortunate, or that by the discovery of some notorious matter they found him convict of avarice. Which Cesar himself needed not to fear, if we may believe Plutarch, who writeth, that he was indowed by nature with an excellent promptitude and aptnesse to take opportunitie in any businesse.

“ And in the next Observation he adds;

---- *I will content my self with a practise of our time at the battel of Newport, where after divers retreats and pursuits, either side chasing the other, as it were by turn and mutuall appointment, and as it often falleth out in such confrontments: At last commandment was given to the English to make head again; and after some pause to charge the enemy with a shout: which being accordingly performed, a man might have seen the enemy startle before they came to the stroke; and being charged home, were so routed, that they made not head again that day. ----*

The siege of OSTEND.

IN the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and one. The *States* resolving to send their army into *Flanders*, or a good part thereof, to take those forts the enemy held about *Ostend*, and by that means to open the passage into that Countrey for the greater annoyance thereof, made choice of my self, (though farre unfit and unworthy of so great a charge) to command the said forces as *Generall*. Of which intent I had first but onely an inkling given me, and was by some principall persons of the *State* encouraged to accept the same, and to take upon me a journey into *England* to inform her Majesty of that purpose, and, with all the necessary circumstances, to frame her liking to the enterprize, and to induce her to the yielding of the succours of three thousand bodies of her subjects to be levied, transported and paid at their own charge, and to be in the Low-countreys by the tenth of May, with these speciall instructions for the manner of the enterprize.

That for the better diversion of the enemies forces from the quarter of *Flanders*, the Count *Maurice* should with the first season of the year march towards *Bergh* upon *Rhine* and to make shew as if he would, but not to engage his forces in the siege of that town, no otherwise but that a good part thereof, especially the *English* might be sent towards *Ostend* upon the first

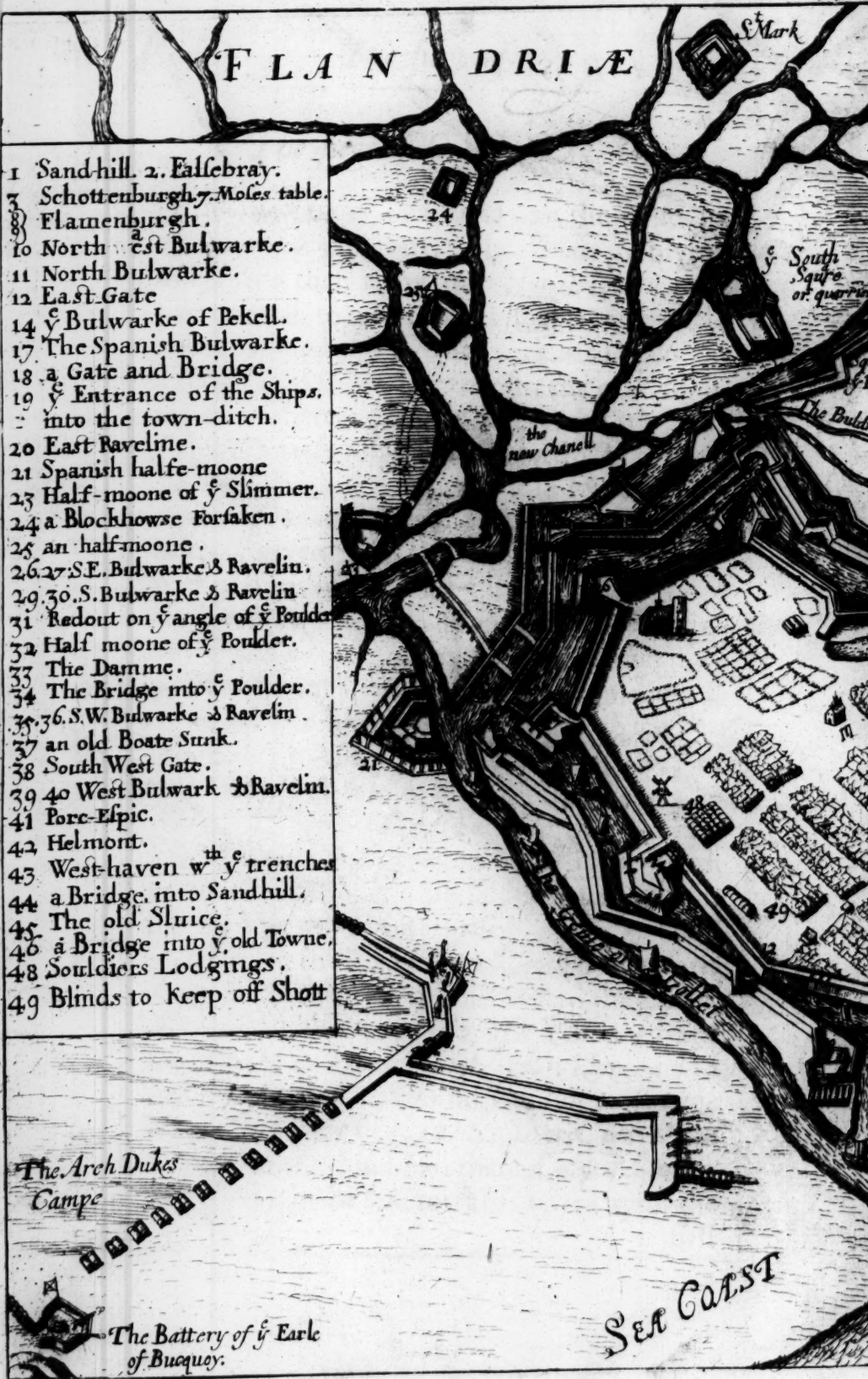
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- 1 Sand-hill. 2. Falfebray.
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- 8 Flamenburgh.
- 10 North West Bulwarke.
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- 12 East Gate.
- 14 y Bulwarke of Bekell.
- 17 The Spanish Bulwarke.
- 18 a Gate and Bridge.
- 19 y Entrance of the Ships.
- 20 into the town-ditch.
- 20 East Raveline.
- 21 Spanish halfe-moone
- 23 Half-moone of y Slimmer.
- 24 a Blockhowse Forfaken.
- 25 an half-moone.
- 26 27 S.E. Bulwarke & Ravelin.
- 29 30 S. Bulwarke & Ravelin.
- 31 Redout on y angle of y Poulder.
- 32 Half moone of y Poulder.
- 33 The Damme.
- 34 The Bridge into y Poulder.
- 35 36 S.W. Bulwarke & Ravelin.
- 37 an old Boate Sunk.
- 38 South West Gate.
- 39 40 West Bulwark & Ravelin.
- 41 Porc-Elpic.
- 42 Helmont.
- 43 West-haven wth y trenches
- 44 a Bridge into Sandhill.
- 45 The old Sluice.
- 46 a Bridge into y old Towne.
- 48 Souldiers Lodgings.
- 49 Blinds to keep off Shott

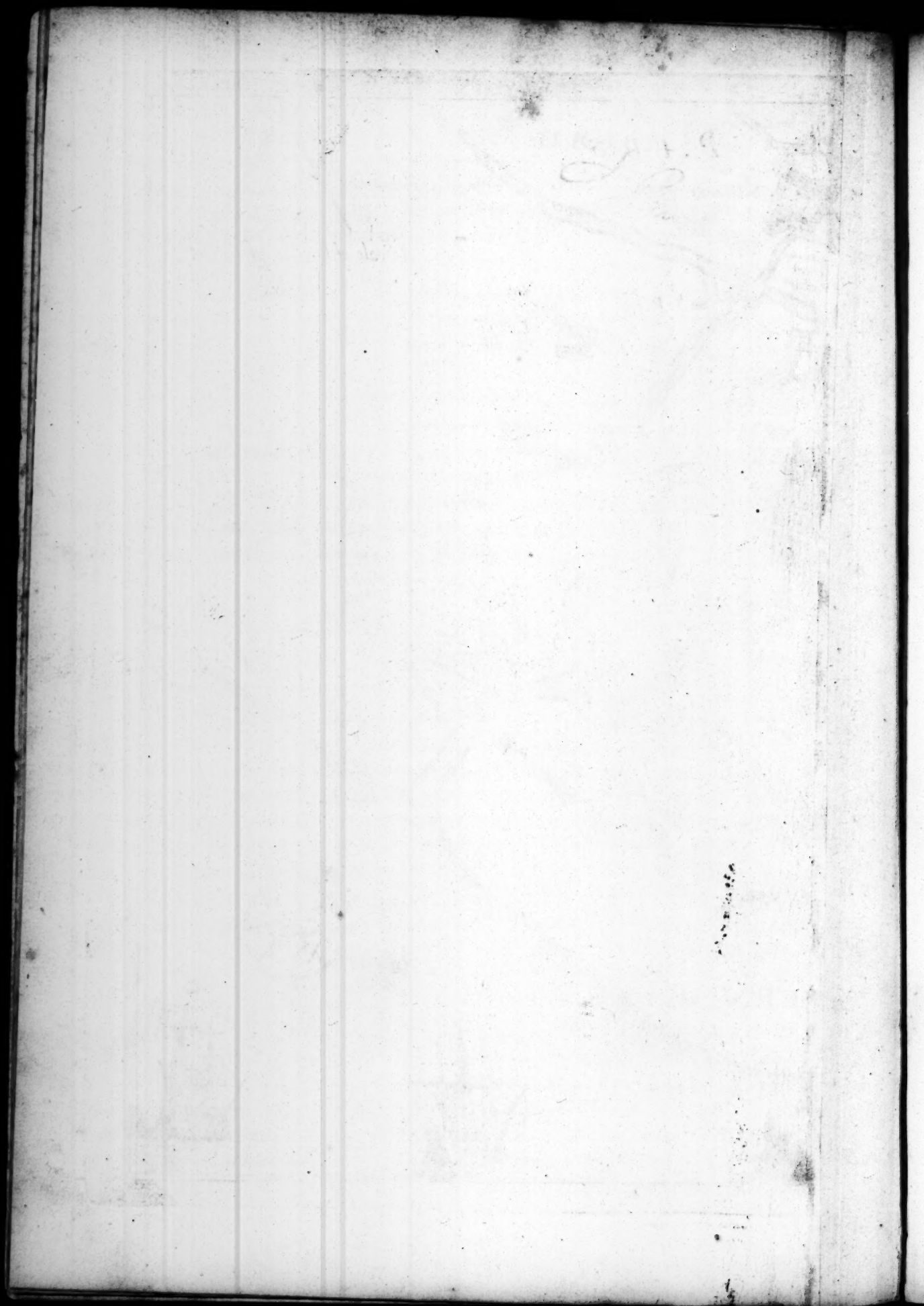
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first summons. Which together with two thousand souldiers to be levied out of the Garrisons of *Holland* and *Zeland*, and the three thousand they made account of out of *England*, should on a sudden be transported into *Flanders* for the said enterprife.

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With this errand I passed into *England*, delivered the whole plot to her Majesty, who liked and allowed thereof, and with some difficulty (as her manner was) granted the men to be levied and transported in ten dayes warning, for so the *States* desired, lest the overtinely stirring of them before their other troops were landed in *Flanders*, might give the enemy an alarm, to the difficulting of the enterprife; willing me (the grant obtained) to hasten over.

Before my coming into the Low-countreys, the Count *Maurice* was marched towards *Bergh*, & the enemy, that had long threatned to besiege *Ostend*, with a good part of his forces was set down before that town; so that it was now question rather of defending then of gaining more footing in that quarter. The *States* therefore dealt with me to take upon me the charge of the place, for which they gave me Commission, not as Governour, but as *Generall* of the army employed in and about *Ostend*, with very ample power, as aforesaid, whereof I accepted. And they forthwith gave order to the Count *Maurice*, to send into *Holland* the twenty *English* companies he then had in the army; with which troop I was to go into *Ostend*.

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At the first he made some difficulty to send any, having engaged himself in the siege of *Bergh*, his works for the defence of the quarter not finished, and the enemy gathering head in *Brabant* to succour and relieve that town; in the end with importunity he sent eight companies, with which my brother came. With these, being by the *States* put in good hope, the rest should follow, and that I should be liberally supplied with forces, ammunition, and all necessaries for such a service; I went into the town, and landed (as I take it) the eleventh of July one thousand six hundred and one, on the sands against the middle of the old town. The enemy commanded the haven, so as there was no entring by it, and then the use of the *Geule* was not known, and this place I landed at was to be subject to their Ordnance; and the seege of the sea such, that no shipping could lie there unbroken.

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At my landing Monsieur *Vandernood* Governour gave me the keyes. In the town I found about thirty companies of *Netherlanders*, which made sixteen or seventeen hundred newly divided into two *Regiments*, whereof Monsieur *Vandernood* had the one, and Monsieur de *Utenburgh* had the other, and my eight companies might make eight hundred men.

The enemy had thirty pieces of Cannon placed on the *West-side*, the most within a *harquebuse-shot* of the town; and six on the *East-side*,

East-side, with which they shot much into the town, and did great harm to the buildings and men. Their army judged at twelve thousand men. The three parts on the West-side quartered near *Albertus*, a great Cannon-shot from the town, commanded by the Archduke himself. The other part upon the top of the Downs on the East-side next the *Geule*.

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Those of the town before my entrance had made a sally on the West-approaches, from which they were repulsed with the losse of three hundred men slain and hurt. The town to the land was well flanked and high rampierd, but with a sandy and mouldred earth. The old town (supposed free from battery) was rather strong against sudden attempts by Palisadoes and such helps, then by rampier and flanks, to abide the fury of the Ordnance, and force of approach; which notwithstanding was held the strongest part of the town, as well for the reasons above-said, as for that it was hemmed in on the one side with the *Geule* not passable, and on the other with the haven, which was passable onely some four hours in a tide. The rest of the town besides the ditch (which was broad and deep) of water, was environed with a royall counterescarp, with ravelines of good capacity and defence against the Cannon, covering all the bulwarks of all the town, but that, which they called the *Peckell* or East-bulwark, which needed not that help, as lying directly upon the *Geule* and not to be assailed by any approach.

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Upon the South, South-east and South-west of the town there is a plot of ground in the manner of an Island, environed on the East-side with the *Geule*, to the Southward with a chanel that runneth into the *Geule* from the said *Geule* directly Westward into the river, that in former times passed through the old haven, and now had his course in the furthest place from the town, not in distance above a harquebuse-shot, to the Westward by the old chanel of the said river, by which it passed into the haven, which was now separated from the ditch of the counterescarp by a low dam near the *Poulder-bulwark*.

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This plot of ground (covering the town from the said bulwark to the *Spanish-bulwark* which lieth upon the *Geule*) had upon the South-west angle (which is where the chanel from the *Geule* minglith with that of the river to the haven) a little redoubt open behinde, and of no force to resist the Cannon. To the Southward of this *Poulder-bulwark* the countrey is broken with many creeks, not passable nor habitable for an army but by forced means, in spring-tides for the most part overflown; on the West-side the ground for a harquebuse-shot from the river that runneth due West from the said *Poulder* lay low, and subject to the like overflowing at the spring-tides; but all the waters more passable having fewer and shallower creeks. From this bottom the ground towards the Downs goeth higher. Betwixt these West-Downs, which near the town are more low and levell then the East, and

and the *Porc-espig* (which is a raveline in the counterscarp that closeth the new town on that side by which the old haven passeth into the town) there lyeth a Down on which the haven beateth on the one side, and the water of the ditch of the counterscarp on the other, being the onely place about that town by which an approach might be made on firm ground to the wall of the town, and therefore was held the most weak and dangerous place. But the cutting of the foresaid Damme and letting the sea-water into the ditch of the counterscarp was held a sure and sufficient means to prevent the enemy on that side, so as indeed nothing was so much to be doubted as the enemies passing into this piece of ground before mentioned, called the *Poulder*: by which means he might, notwithstanding our best endeavour, in short time drain the ditches of the counterscarp, and the town-ditch, and so make his way to the rampier.

My first care therefore was to fortifie and secure the said *Poulder* against the enemy, and to make a safe place for our shipping to unlade such provisions and commodities as from time to time should be brought unto us: which I readily and easily performed by opening a passage in the counterscarp near the *West-Poulder* of the Spanish-raveline, by which means the water from the *Geule* flowed into the town-ditch, in which, with their masts stricken down, I have often seen above one hundred vessels lie safe from the annoyance of

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the enemies great shot: which haven through the entry grew more dangerous by the enemies approaches, which in proceſſe of time they with much coſt, labour, and art advanced; for it lay within the high water-mark, (on which they raiſed new batteries) and was uſed during the ſiege as the better in-let. Albeit after to avoid the great harm the enemy did to our ſhipping at their going out, I made another cut betwixt the Eaſt-raveline and the mount called the *Mofes-table*, looking Northward and directly into the ſea, which ſerved the turn and ſaved many ſhips.

When my twelve companies, which I expected from *Bergh*, were arrived, I began one night to entrench a piece of ground higher and firmer then the reſt about it, lying nearer to the low Damme before mentioned, which ſeparated the river that by the old chanel had paſſed into the haven from the ditch of the counterſcarp: which piece of ground (ſtretched out in the form of a Geometrical oblique *or oblong*) towards the Weſt had a watered ditch, ſuch as in thoſe parts they uſe for incloſures, and the whole plot of continent ſufficient to receive eight or nine hundred men.

8. 900 This field I entrenched taking the water-ditch to advantage, without giving it any other form uſuall in fortifications (ſo, as for the form and ſeat it was called the *Weſt-square*) becauſe the Weſtermoſt face of it was well flanked from the Weſt-bulwark, and the Weſt-raveline; and the face South-weſt from the angle

gle of the *Poulder*, where the chanel of the *Geule* and the chanel of the old haven meet, but chiefly to hold as much room as I could. For I expecting large numbers of men, doubted more I should want means in that town hemmed in with so many waters and ditches, to sally and use them abroad as occasion should require (for which purpose this place served fitly) then bodies to guard that which I intrenched. The morning after I had begun this work, the enemy turned diverse pieces from the top of the Downs upon it; which, notwithstanding my best industry, did much hurt amongst my men, till the work was raised and thickened.

This plot put in reasonable defence and part of the supplies of the men granted by her Majestie now arrived, I began to cast up a redoubt upon the like piece of ground for firmnesse, but not fully half so big as the former, lying about half a harquebuse-shot South-west from the angle of the *Poulder* close to the river that passeth from the said angle Westward, which served well to covert the *Poulder* on that side, and to flank the West-face and South-flank of the *West-square*.

The *Poulder* thus assured from sudden attempts, I began to raise in the said *Poulder* a rampier to resist the Cannon on the in-side of the old chanel from the ditch of the *Poulder-ravelin* of the counterscarp to the angle aforesaid of the *Poulder*, which broad-ways lay due West, and end-ways North and South, and the

redoubt upon the said angle I raised of a good height, & Cannon-proof, in the form of a Cavallier to command over the said rampier of the *Poulder*. All this while the enemy lying still without making any approaches or intrenchments, or attempting to hinder my works otherwise then by his Cannon-shot, of which he was no niggard.

Having, as I supposed, in this manner well provided for the safe defence of that quarter, I was desirous to draw some of the enemies from the sand-hills to dwell by us in that low watery ground to the South-west and South of the river that runneth from the West to the *Poulder*, which I knew would cause great expence, great labour, and much losse and consumption of men, on which, besides the plots of ground I had taken, no trench, nor approach, nor lodging could be had, but such as was forced; onely about a harquebuse-shot Westward from my redoubt on that side, and upon the same river was a pretty round height of ground on which sometimes they of the town of *Ostend* had held a redoubt to the South-west & South, environed with a plashie moor, into which by the creeks the water flowed, so as the greatest part of the tide it was not passable. From this plot of ground I could discover the back of their approaches on the Downs, and from it with Cannon could annoy them as well there, as in their shipping and boats, by which their army was supplied from *Bruges* and other ports of the countrey.

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If they suffered me to take this height and fortifie it, I had gotten two speciall advantages, the annoying of them, and the securing of my works on that side, which after I might have maintained with fewer men; if I were impeached by their sudden planting of Ordnance and batteries, I knew they would possesse the ground and piece-meal engage themselves more and more in those drownd lands, which was the other of my drifts.

This piece of ground to move and provoke them the more, upon *St. Jacques* day (being the Saint the Spaniards as their *Parrone* do most superstitiously reverence) in the forenoone I first sent as it were to view and discover, and anon after I sent for men and set them on work and drew down in a readinesse under the favour of my outermost redoubt, two hundred souldiers to make head, if the enemy came down to the other side of the river to hinder my workmen with his shot.

The enemy no sooner perceived my men to work, but he turned certain pieces of Ordnance upon them from the Downs, and shot at us, as did also those of the fort of *Grootendorst*. But being farre of, the plot small and the men observing the shot, bowing their bodies in the hollownesse of the old trench, did little harm.

Their foot-men in a great rage, as it seemed to me, of themselves kindled with zeal without direction or order from their Chiefs, came down towards the river side amain; not armed

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ed men in battel and troops, but shot scatteringly as every one could first and readiliest take his furniture, others with faggots in their hands, (whereof they had store in their approaches) began here and there in confused manner to raise a trench from the Downs to the river, (for other trench and covert they had none) so as they were a fair marke for our artillery from the town, and our muskettiers from the West-square, and the South-west redoubt, which spared no powder: Besides, the two hundred muskettiers I had placed with me under the favour of smal banks on the edge of the river, held them back when they came nearer hand; so as after much shooting and hurt done (the most of the day being spent) they gave over molesting us. And that night I put the place into so good defence against the attempts of handy-strokes, that I left a guard in it, and workmen to add more strength to it.

In the morning betimes the enemy began to batter it with two Cannons, which the same night they had planted on a little height of ground on the other side of the plash directly West, and about the fourth part of the way to their fort called *Grootendorst*, from whence they also shot with a couple of demiculvering, and thus they continued the whole day, insomuch as our new work to them-ward was laid flat, and our men forced for safeguard to make hollow trenches in the said redoubt. About an hour before sun-set troops were seen

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to march from *Albertus* towards *Grootendorst*, which I gathered was to make an attempt upon the said redoubt in the beginning of the evening before the breach could be repaired, for which purpose the water being ebbd the time served very fitly.

I saw by their earnest proceeding that there was no striving to keep and maintain that plot, and therefore resolved to give way, but so as I would seem to be forced from the place. And therefore as I did set men on work in the beginning of the evening to repair the breach to have confirmed the enemy (if he had forborn his attempt that night) in the opinion that I would maintain the place: so I gave order to the Officer I left in it with some eighty men to hold good watch on the side of the plash, if the enemy attempted to passe, to shew himself on the brink of the said plash with his shot, and discharge upon them, leaving his pikes by the fort, with order if they advanced to make his retreat to the South-west redoubt, and there to hold good. Which directions were not well observed, for the Officer forthwith when he had sight of the enemies approach, (which was about two houres within night) leaving his pikes in the redoubt, he with the shot made for the plash-side and discharged at the enemy, who being strong in number and resolved, continued their way, the Officer still retiring hard to the redoubt and skirmishing with him, as if his purpose had been rather to have drawn the enemy in-

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to some danger, then to save himself and his troop by a timely retreat. Which is an error that many in like cases fall into, to their utter destruction; when fear to have their valour called in question, maketh them against all reason fight against a stronger enemy, and engage themselves, where they have neither purpose nor hope to obtain the victory.

Those of the redoubt staid the return of their men, whom the enemy pursued so hard, after he had gotten footing in the firm ground, that they both at an instant came to the redoubt, and by the way of the breach (which yet lay open) entred and overthrew soon our men, who so taken at unawares, thought it safer to fight then to run away: others they overtook before they could get over the Palisadoes on the other side of the redoubt, so as most of our pike-men were lost, but few or none of the shot, who holpen with the darknesse of the night and their good diligence escaped.

Upon the alarm having given order for some troops to follow, I hastened to the Southwest redoubt, near which I met with these scattered men, which I stayed and took with me into the said redoubt, to which the enemy even now approached following their fortune, and hoping of like successe, and on the other side of the river toward the Northward from under the favour of the bank, to which of purpose they had also drawn muskettiers to flank and beat in the back our men, as they should shew themselves to resist the attempt
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of their men on the other side of the water, so as of the supplies that came from the town, I re-inforced the guard of the said redoubt, by which means as also the difficulty they found in passing their grosse over the creeks, with some losse to us, yet much more to them, they retired to the redoubt they had gotten.

A Continuation of the siege of
OSTEND.

“**H**ere endeth, or rather, here breakes off Sir Francis Vere his Commentary; for he continued in his government of Ostend for many moneths after; but whether it was because he thought it needlesse to give the world any further account of it, who were all by this time become, as it were, *spectatours & eie-witnesses* of what he did; or whether he thought that it being so well known to many, some other would carry on the relation, if the world should think it needfull, or what ever else the reason was, I do not finde that his pen ever went any further: yet because there were many things afterwards performed by him worthy of observation, and because the Reader may perhaps have a Curiosity to see the end of the story, I shall here presume to subjoyn a brief account of the chief passages in the sequel of that action, according to what I have met with recorded by others to my hand; that so we may bring off Sir Francis

“ Vere with honour from so great an engage-
“ ment, and deliver him safe from the exceed-
“ ing hazzard of that employment; and this
“ the rather, because I think this was the last
“ action of consequence wherein he was im-
“ barqued.

“ Generall Vere had no sooner taken a sure
“ footing to himself, & fitted the scene where-
“ on the bloody tragedy was afterwards to be
“ acted, but he gave a pledge of his resolution
“ to abide by it, refusing to quit his lodg-
“ ings, notwithstanding that the enemies Can-
“ non had pierced them through with many a
“ shot, and quite battered down a little tower
“ belonging to them. But though his enemies
“ Cannon could not enforce him to abandon
“ so much as his own lodging, yet did his own
“ by shrewd mishap constrain him to with-
“ draw himself for a time out of the town; for
“ on the fourteenth of August being wounded
“ in the head with the blow of a Cannon that
“ spilt in the discharging, he removed into
“ *Zeland* to be cured of his hurt. The enemy
“ having gotten intelligence hereof made no
“ small expressions of joy and triumph, dis-
“ charging many a peal of Cannon, whereby
“ if they hoped to fill the hearts of the besieged
“ with terrour and consternation and to beat
“ them from their former resolution, they were
“ very much mistaken; for the brave *English*
“ souldiers observing what storms of great
“ shot came daily rolling into the town (the
“ besiegers having already discharged little
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“ lesse then thirty five thousand Cannon-shot
“ against it) and perceiving by the story, that
“ all the houses were like ere long to be beat-
“ en about their ears, and so were likelier to
“ endanger them by their fall, then any way to
“ secure and protect them from the fury of the
“ enemies artillery; they advised themselves to
“ take this course. There was a green plot of
“ ground in the town commonly used for the
“ market-place, which was something higher
“ then the rest of the streets; here did they earth
“ themselves digging it hollow, and fitting
“ themselves with cabbins and lodgings with-
“ in the ground. The like did they by another
“ void piece of ground upon the South-West;
“ whereby as they thought themselves secure
“ from the enemies battery (being confident
“ they would not shoot mattocks and pick-
“ axes) so did they sufficiently testifie their
“ own resolution rather to interre themselves
“ in the graves which they had digged, then to
“ quit their possession of the place unto the
“ enemy.

“ Hereupon the besiegers shifted sailes
“ and suiting their counsels to the disposition
“ of the *English* souldiers, who are sooner won
“ by fair means then by foul, shot *arrows* with
“ letters into the *English* quarters, promising
“ ten stivers a day to such as would serve the
“ *Archduke* against the town, but these offers
“ were slighted by the *English*, who hated fals-
“ nesse as much as they contemned danger, &
“ this devise was looked upon by those of the

“town as the product of languishing counsels,
“which having already spent all their powder
“came a begging for the conclusion.

“And, if the *Archduke* had then given over
“the siege, I question not but the world would
“generally have excused him: for what should
“he do? he had made his approaches as near
“unto *Sand-hill*, as was possible for the haven;
“which was the most probable place of doing
“any good upon the town, and therefore he
“had ever since the beginning of the siege bent
“the most of his great shot upon it, if it were
“possible to have made a breach, but all had
“hitherto produced no other effect then the
“fortifying of the *Sand-hill*-bulwark in stead
“of beating it down; for by this time it was
“so thick stuck with bullets, that the Ord-
“nance could scarcely shoot without a tauto-
“logic and hitting its former bullets, which
“like an iron wall made the later fly in pieces
“up into the air: Yea, the bullets in it were
“so many, that they left not room to drive in
“Palisadoes, though pointed with iron, and
“some there were that would have undertaken
“to make the bulwark new, if they might
“have had the bullets for their pains. Besides
“when ever they meant to assault it, they must
“resolve to force seven Palisadoes made of
“great piles within the haven, before they
“could come to the foot of the bulwark,
“and if they were not intercepted by the
“springing of a mine or two, yet was the bul-
“wark it self unmountable by armed men;
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“and they might easily have been conceived to
 “have gotten intelligence that there were thir-
 “teen Cannon in the counterscarp and other
 “convenient places charged with chained shot
 “and rusty iron to scowre *Sand-hill*, if need
 “should require. Besides all this; all was to
 “be done at a running-pull, for when the co-
 “ming in of the tide should sound a retreat,
 “off they must or be utterly lost; and they ea-
 “sily saw that the muskettiers in the half-
 “moon of the counterscarp were like to give
 “them such a welcome, as would make ma-
 “ny of them forget to return again unto the
 “camp.

“Notwithstanding all these great difficul-
 “ties, no advice of the old Captains could pre-
 “vail against the obstinacy of the States of
 “*Flanders*, who to keep life in the siege, spared
 “not to undertake the payment of a million
 “of crowns to the *Archduke*, rather then he
 “should draw off from the town. So that he
 “took up a resolution not to stirre; and (as
 “his fugitives reported) once he swore, that he
 “would not rise from the table at which he
 “sate, before they of the town were made to
 “serve him; but then they on the other side laid
 “a wager they would give it him so hot, that it
 “should burn his fingers:

“Not long after the Lord of *Chastillon* met
 “with an unhappy mischance; for, being up-
 “on the high bulwark of *Sand-hill* with Colo-
 “nel *Utenbruch* and other Gentlemen, and men
 “of Command, he had his head struck off
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“ with a Cannon-shot above the teeth, and
“ his brains dasht upon the Colonels left
“ cheek. Which possibly might receive its di-
“ rection from the self-same hand that did
“ more then once during this siege shoot a
“ bullet into the mouth of a charged Cannon,
“ which because it would not be too long in-
“ debted for such a courtesie, taking fire with
“ the blow, returned the bullet instantly back
“ again attended with another of its own. As
“ good a marks-man was he (if he did it of
“ designe) who, when a souldier of the town
“ having bought a loaf of bread was holding
“ it up in a boasting way, with a shot took
“ away the uppermost half, leaving the other
“ in the souldiers hand, who finding that he
“ had received no hurt, said it was a fair-con-
“ ditioned bullet, for it had left him the better
“ half behinde; however, I believe he would
“ rather have been contented with the lesser
“ half, then run the hazzard of dividing again.

“ On the nineteenth of September Generall
“ Vere being cured of his hurt returned from
“ Zeland into the town, where he found two
“ thousand *English*, and twenty ensignes of
“ *French*, *Walloons*, *Scotch* and *Frisons*, that had
“ arrived in his absence. Soon after his arri-
“ vall he took care for the thickning and
“ strengthening of divers of the works, and
“ uniting of those outworks on the South and
“ West, the better thereby to secure their re-
“ lief and preserve them from the injury of the
“ waters in the winter season. Which, the ene-
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“ my perceiving, and that the town grew dai-
“ ly stronger and stronger, resolved to at-
“ tempt it by treachery, taking the old verse
“ for their warrant, -*dolus an virtus quis in hoste*
“ *requirat?* To that purpose an English man
“ named N. Conisby (as the French diary re-
“ lates) who had served them long in the qua-
“ lity of a Captain of foot in their army; re-
“ turned through *France* into *England*, where
“ he prevailed so much by means of his
“ friends, that he obtained letters of recom-
“ mendation to Sir *Francis Vere*, unto whom
“ presenting himself he desired to be admit-
“ ted one of his Company, which the Gene-
“ nerall could not refuse, he being a Gentle-
“ man and so effectually recommended.

“ This traitor having thus scrued himself into
“ *Ostend*, quickly began his practise, for he recei-
“ ved letters and other things weekly from the
“ enemy, giving them intelligence of all that
“ passed within the town, & of the best means
“ to annoy it; managing his practises and pro-
“ jects according to the instructions which he
“ received from them. For the better convey-
“ ance of his letters to the enemy, he carried
“ the into a broken boat (which in the begin-
“ ning of the siege had been sunk by the ene-
“ my, and lay upon the dry ground betwixt the
“ town and the camp) under the colour of gra-
“ tifying nature; and there disposed them in a
“ place appointed, whence the enemy fetched
“ them by night with the help of a little boat,
“ and upon certain dayes brought him an-

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“ swers, and sometimes monie for his reward,
“ which he failed not to fetch at the place ap-
“ pointed. When he was discovered, he had
“ drawn four men into his conspiracy; among
“ others a Serjeant who was the means of re-
“ vealing it. This Serjeant coming out of pri-
“ son (where his Captain had caused him to be
“ laid some dayes in irons) being all male-
“ content chanced to meet with *Conisby*, who
“ told him he was glad to see him out of pri-
“ son, withall asking him the reason of his so
“ great and grievous punishment, to whom
“ the Serjeant (railing upon his Captain) sware
“ earnestly that he would be revenged for the
“ wrong he had received, though it cost him
“ his life. *Conisby*, supposing he had found a
“ man fit for his purpose, told him he might
“ easily finde the means to be revenged, with-
“ out losing his life, and with his own profit
“ and advancement, and that if he would fol-
“ low his counsel he should want no monie.
“ The Serjeant began to listen to his words,
“ and seemed inclinable enough to so advan-
“ tageous a designe, and ready to follow his
“ advice. Whereupon *Conisby* (having first
“ made him swear secrecy) discovered himself
“ to him; and presently asked him if he had the
“ resolution to set fire on one of the Maga-
“ zines, for which purpose himself had pre-
“ pared a certain invention of powder, lead, &
“ match; this the Serjeant undertook to per-
“ form, which he said could not be difficult for
“ him to do, being often sent to fetch powder
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“ for the souldiers. *Conisby* assured him that he
 “ had practised more associates, and that when
 “ he should have made the number up twenty,
 “ he would then put the designe in execution,
 “ which was, that one of the Magazines be-
 “ ing set on fire, he would so work it as to have
 “ the guard of a sluice in a bulwark near the
 “ enemy, who should then give on and be ad-
 “ mitted into the town. The Serjeant seemed
 “ to hug the device, demanding onely of *Co-*
 “ *nisby* some assurance under his hand that he
 “ should have his recompence, when the
 “ work should be performed; which having
 “ once obtained, away he goes to the Generall,
 “ and discovers the practise to him, whereup-
 “ on *Conisby* being apprehended, and put to
 “ the rack confessed all, and that he came to
 “ *Ostend* with that purpose and intent, as also
 “ what instructions and promises he had re-
 “ ceived, and what complices he had made;
 “ who were likewise apprehended and put in
 “ prison. This plot failing, the enemies onely
 “ hope of taking the town was by stopping
 “ up the haven, and so hindring the coming in
 “ of supplies; to this purpose, the old haven on
 “ the West of the town having been made dan-
 “ gerous and uselesse, and the defendants con-
 “ strained to make a new one out of the *Geule*
 “ on the East-side, the enemy had now so
 “ streightened this also by their float of great
 “ planks bearing Ordnance on the *Geule*, that
 “ they of the town were fain to make a second
 “ new haven against the midst of the old town;

“by which means the enemies designs were
“eluded, and the ships of supplies admitted
“into the town at pleasure.

“This dangerous thrust being so handsom-
“ly put by, the enemy had no other play left
“him but to storm, which he resolved upon,
“and prepared himself accordingly. But in
“the mean while it will not be amisse to take
“notice of a passage which happened in the
“town. A French Gentleman disobeying his
“Serjeant, and thereupon causing a great tu-
“mult, was committed to prison, and eight
“dayes after, condemned by a Council of War
“to be shot to death; but because he was de-
“scended of a good House, all the *French* Ca-
“ptains interposed their earnest intreaties to
“Generall Vere, and begged his life, which was
“granted, upon condition that he should ask
“the Serjeant forgiveness; this when he
“could not by any means, or perswasion be
“brought unto, he had eight dayes respite
“granted him to resolve himself; which being
“past, and he continuing still as obstinate as
“ever, he was brought forth unto the place
“of execution, and tied to a stake; but when
“once he saw the Harquebusiers ready to dis-
“charge, he began to be apprehensive of the
“horror of death, intreating that he might be
“unbound, and promising to perform the sen-
“tence, & ask the Serjeant forgiveness; which
“he forthwith did, and thereupon was releas-
“ed. So much easier is it for pride and rash-
“nesse to commit a fault, then heartily to ac-
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“knowledge it. A truer courage was that of
 “another in the town during the siege. An
 “English Gentleman of about three & twen-
 “ty years of age, in a sally forth had one of his
 “arms shot off with a Cannon, which taking
 “up he brought back with him into the
 “town unto the Chirurgion, and coming in-
 “to his lodging shewed it, saying, *Behold the*
 “*arm which but at dinner did help its fellow*. This
 “he did and endured without the least faint-
 “ing, or so much as reposing upon his bed.

“Not long after on the fourth of December
 “early in the morning, the besiegers gave a
 “fierce and sharp assault upon the English
 “trenches; which take in the words of one
 “present at it.

S*R FRANCIS VERE* having been a-
 broad the most part of that night, was laid down
 to take his rest; but hearing the alarm that the English
 trenches were assaulted, and knowing of how great im-
 port that work was for the defence of the town, pulling
 on his stockins, with his sword in his hand, he ran in
 all haste unbraced with some souldiers and Captain
 Couldwell, and my self into the work; where he
 found his own company at push of pike upon a turn-
 pike with the enemy, (who crying in French, En-
 trez, entrez, avancez, avancez, strove to enter
 that way, and sought to over-turn the turn-pike with
 their pikes) and some of his Gentlemen, among the
 rest Lieutenant-Colonel Proud (who was afterwards
 slain at Maestricht) slashing off the heads of their
 pikes, which he took notice of, and shortly after made

him a Lieutenant. The enemy being repulsed and beaten off, Sir Francis Vere (to the end our men might give fire the better upon them from the town, and bulwarks which flanked this work, both with our Ordnance and small shot) commanded the souldiers to take some straw from the huts within the work, and making wissps of it, to set it on fire upon the parapet of the work, and upon the heads of their pikes, by which light the enemies were discovered, so that our men gave fire bravely upon them from the town and the work, and shot into their battalions, which had fallen on, and their men that were carrying off their dead; so that upon this attempt the enemy lost a matter of five hundred men, which lay under our work, and between their trenches. The enemy being retreated into his works, Sir Francis Vere called me to him, and said, Boy, come now pull up my stockings, and tie my points; and so returned home again to his rest.

“The next remarkable in the series of this
“famous siege was that memorable *Treatie*,
“which Generall *Vere* intertained with the
“*Archduke*; which I know none better able to
“give an account of, then Sir *John Ogle*, who
“had much at stake in the businesse, and was
“well acquainted with the severall passages
“thereof: of which he hath left behinde him
“this following account.

Sir

Sir Francis Vere his parlie at *Ostend*,
written by *Sir John Ogle*
there present.

After the battell of *Newport*, the *Archduke* *Albert* desirous to clear *Flanders*, in the year following sate down with his army before *Ostend*, unto which the Lords the States sent *Sir Francis Vere*, their Generall to defend it. He having good numbers of men, thought it most serviceable for the States to employ them so, as he might keep the enemy at arms-end, and a fair distance from the town. To this purpose he possessed himself of severall advantageous pieces of ground, fortifying upon them so well as the time would give him leave; but they were morsels as well for the enemies tooth as his, and therefore cost both bickering and blood on both sides, till at the last, (what with numbers, artillery, and better commodity of accesse) he was forced to quit the most of them, and that ere he brought them to any perfection of strength, whereby to make any resistance.

Such as were nearest the town, and under the succour of his own power, (as the three *Quarriers* (or *squares*) with some few others) he kept and maintained as long as he stayed there; yet when by protract of time, and casualties of war, he found his numbers wasted, and himself (the enemy creeping upon him) so streightned as he was thrust meerly upon the defence, he saw he was not in his proper element, nor indeed was he: for the truth is, his vertues (being great, strong, and active) required more elbow-room, having their best lustre, where they had the largest
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foil to set them off. The works of Battel, Invasion, and the like, were the proper objects of his spirit. The limits of Ostend were much too narrow for him, yet did he there many things worth the observation and reputation of so great a Captain as he was. Amongst the rest, that of his Parley was of most eminent note; and as most noted, so most and worst censured, and that as well by sword as gown-men; yea, his judgement (which even by his enemies hath often been confessed to be one of the most able that ever our Nation delivered to the world in matters of his profession) was in this action taxed (and that in print too) for his manner of carriage in this businesse.

Now because I was in some sort the onely instrument he used in the manning thereof, and best acquainted with all passages, I have (for the love I owe to truth, and his memory) thought good to set down in writing, what I have heretofore delivered (by their commandments) to the Lords the States-Generall in their Council-chamber, as also sometime after that to the Prince Maurice of Nassau and the Earl William his cosen, concerning this matter.

Yet ere I come to the relation, it shall not be amisse to wipe away two main aspersions which I have often met withall by way of objection, and are as well in every mans mouth as in Emmanuel of Metteren his book.

The first (and that is the word) it lucked well, judging the fact by the event, but reservedly condemning the purpose, for had not the shipping come (say they) as it did, what would have become of the town, he would have given it up. Colonel Utenhoven a man of note, and yet living, one of their own Nation, a Go-

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vernour of a Town, knows better, and the following Treatise shall also make it appear otherwise, and that he had not the least thought of rendring he town, though succour had not come to him at all; this point therefore shall here need no further enlargement.

The second is, That he might have carried the matter otherwise, and have drawn lesse jealousy upon himself, by acquainting the Captains with it sooner, considering it was done without the privity of the Lords the States, nor was it fitting to bring an enemy through such secret passages.

This at the first view seems to say somewhat, as borrowing strength from the common proceedings in other ordinary Governours; who, upon the point as well of Parley as Article, ere they enter into either with an enemy, consult first (as it is fit) with the Captains of the Garrisons, and this (it seems) was likewise expected here; But upon what reasons? was he such a Governour? he was a Generall, he had Governours under him. Did he intend (as commonly others do) to deliver the Town? he meant nothing lesse, as is partly before, and shall be hereafter largely proved. What account did the States ever require of him? what disgrace was there given him more then a free acknowledgement of his singular carriage and judgement in the manning of a businesse of so great importance?

True it is, there was at first a kinde of staggering amongst the best, which the mist of some partiall information from some malevolent person in Ostend had brought them to; but this was soon cleared, first by his own letters in brief, and after by me more at large, if not to the most of them, yet I dare say to the most discreet and judicious amongst them.

But let us now see whether it had been either necessary or convenient that the secret of this stratageme should have been revealed sooner, either to the Lords the States, or Captains of the Garrison. To me it seems, that it had been to the States preposterous, to the Captains dangerous, nay more, repugnant to sense and common reason, and that for these reasons following.

The project it self was but an Embryo, and had been a meer abortive, had he delivered himself of it before the attempt of the enemy: for from thence it must receive both form and being, now that was uncertain and unknown unto him, especially the time; he could therefore have no certain, besitting subject to write to the Lords the States of this matter, till the deed were done, and the project put in practise; which so soon as it was, he presently dispatched a messenger, giving them a due account of the cause of his proceedings, and that to their contentment.

It was a stratageme whose power and vertue consisted wholly in secrecie, it was also a thread, whereon hung no lesse then the States Town, his own honour, and the lives of all them that were with him, & therefore in reason did not admit the least communication: for the best pledge you can have of a mans secrecie, is not to open your thoughts unto him.

Lastly, if he would have forgot himself so much as to have committed a secret to the trust of many, could he yet promise himself that he should not meet with opposition? would they instantly have been all of his minde? would no man suspect the handling? Why did they then after? and that when it was consummated and finished. I have heard Colonel Utenhoven say,
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That if the Generall should have made the proposition, he had broken the enterprize; and he knew best the Captains inclinations, for he was the mouth betwixt the Generall and them, to clear those jealousies he saw them apprehend in him. It was therefore the safest and best way that could be taken, to set this businessse abroad rather without their knowledge, then flatly against it, and to hazard the interpretation of the action, rather then the action it self.

Besides, who ever yet knew the Generall Vere so simple or so weak, as to avoid military forms, where they were necessary or expedient? Wanted he judgement? his enemies will not say it. Had he not will? he had too many of them too great to lay open himself to their malice; he was a better mannager of his reputation, then to give them so palpable, so grosse an advantage to build their scandal on. It was the publick service and his own judgement that led him into this course, wherein if there were any danger for his part, it lay on my head, which he ventured for the safetie of all.

It seems then that as it was not necessary, so had it been exceedingly inconvenient, that the book of this secret should have been sooner unclasped, before it was set on foot, or to the Lords the States, before it was accomplished.

I come now to the relation, leaving the branch in the objection, touching the bringing in of the enemy, as not worthy to receive an answer. About the twelfth of November it began to freeze exceedingly, the wind being North-west, where it remained till Christmasse or after, blowing for the most a stiff gale, often high and stormy: in this time no shipping came unto us, or succours out of Holland or Zeland, nor could they

for the wind; nor had we any for some few weeks after. Our men, munition, and materials wasted daily, the sea and our enemy grew both upon us.

At the spring-tide we looked still when that would decide the question touching the town betwixt us and our adversaries, so exceeding high it was, and swelling through the continuance of the North-west wind, which beat flat upon us, and brought extraordinary store of waters from the Ocean into those narrow parts. Hands we could set very few to work, our places of guard were so many, our numbers so small, and those over-watched. Two thousand and an hundred men was our strength, the convenient competency for the town was at least four thousand: for workmen our need was more then ever; for the whole town with the new forts therein lately begun by the Generall (who fore-saw the storm) lay more then half-open, in-somuch that in divers places with little labour both horse and foot might enter. The North-west raveline (our Champion against the sea) was almost worn away. The Porcupine (or Porc-espice) not well defensible. At all these places could the enemy come to push of pike with us, when they list, at low water.

This was our condition, neither was the enemy ignorant thereof, nor unmindfull to lay hold on his advantage, preparing all things from all parts fitting for the advancement of his purpose; that was to assault the town. Our Generall saw their provision and power, and his own weaknesse; but could prevent none of them otherwise then by practice, his industry slept not, his vigilancy appeared by his daily and nightly rounds he made about the town and works, his courage was the highest, when his forces lowest; for even then he manifested

feftly made it known fo much, that of his ftore he furnifhed plenty to others.

One day going about the walls, he began to difcourfe of our being preffed, and faid, He cared not what the enemy could attempt upon him; he was in one of the Strongeft quarters of the town when he fpake this, and not unwilling that fuch as of themfelves faw it not, fhould be kept ignorant of the danger that hung over their heads. The Captains and the Officers he commended for their care and induftry in their watch and guard, more to ftir them up unto it, then really to congratulate that vertue in them: he faid, A Captain could receive no greater blow in his reputation, then to be furprifed; divers other fpeeches he ufed tending to encouragement, diffwading from fecurity, and often amongst them interlaced the ftrength of the town.

I, at the firft perceiving not his mask, began to put him in minde of fome of the former particulars, the whole towns weakneffe, and the Archdukes opportunity; but he told me quickly by his eye, he would not have their ftrength touched in fuch an audience; fo flighting my fpeeches, he continued his pace, and a la volée his difcourfe till he came to his lodging, there he called to me alone, and brake to me in thefe terms.

I perceive you are not ignorant of our e-ftate, and therefore I will be more open and free with you; What think you? are we not in a fine taking here, ha? I will tell you, Captain Ogle, there was never man of my fortunes and reputation (both which have been cleared hitherto) plunged in greater extreameity then I am now: here we difcourfed of our condition before mentioned, whereupon he inferred, That

he was like a man that had both courage and judgement to defend himself, and yet must sit with his hands bound, whilest boyes and devils come and box him about the ears. Yet this I will tell you too (*said he*) rather then you shall ever see the name of *Francis Vere* subscribed in the delivery of a town committed to his custody, or his hand to the least article of treaty (though with the Archdukes own person) had I a thousand lives I would first burie them all in the rampier; yet in the mean while judge you of the quality of this our being. I told him, that I thought if he were in his former liberty, he would bethink himself ere he suffered himself to be penned up in such a cage again: he made no reply, but addressed himself to his businesse, and I to mine. What his thoughts now were, I will not enter into, unlesse I had more strength to reach them. Sure I am they wanted no stuff to work on: for the bone he had to gnaw upon, required as good teeth as any were in Hannibals head to break it, and had not his been such, all the hands we had there could not have plucked it out of our own throats.

Not long after this the Generall calls a Council of the Colonels and chief Officers; there he propounded these two points; First, whether with the numbers formerly mentioned we could in time of assault sufficiently furnish all parts. Secondly, or if not, whether in such an extremity we ought not to borrow the troops imployed for the guard of the Quarriers to the preservation of the town.

This was more to sound our judgements, then of any necessity, for him to seek allowance of his actions from

from them : for Generalls use not to ask leave of their Captains to dispose of their guards, what they are to quit, and what they are to keep.

Our numbers they confest were too few, yet must the Quarriers at no hand be abandoned; but how to hold them sufficiently, and to provide for those places, on which the fury of the storm was like to pour it self forth, no man gave expedient. The voyces were severally collected, and when it came to me, I said, That seeing our case standeth as it doth, our breaches many and great, our numbers few to defend them, my opinion was, that when we should see the cloud coming, we quit the Quarriers: for I know they were ordained for the custody, not to endanger the losse of the town; that of inconveniences the least must ever be chosen; that it were ill-husbandry to hazard the principall to save the interest, and as little discretion to let the fire run on to burn the palace, whilst we are busie preserving the lodge.

The two Colonels (Roone and Sir Horace Vere) who spake after me (for the chief speake last) were of the same minde, differing onely in some circumstances, not in substance of opinion. That the other were so scrupulous in this point, is to be thought proceeded rather from ignorance of our estate and danger, or else an apprehension grounded upon common opinions, which was, lose the Quarriers, lose the town; or (it may be) the fear of the interpretation that the Lords the States would make of such an advise; and that fear was likely to be the greater, because perhaps they were not furnished with strength of reason to maintain their opinion, or else they might finde it fittest to lay the burthen on his shoulders that was best able to bear it (the Generall

nerall himself). After this council there passed some few dayes till it was near Christmasse. The Archduke was himself in person in the camp, the assault resolved on, and the time, the preparations brought down to the approaches, and the army, they onely stayed for low water to give on.

Here began the Generalls project to receive being, till now it had none; neither was it now time to call the Captains to a new council, either to require their advice, or to tell them his own. He had his head and his hands full; ours had not aaked now, had not his waked then more for our safeties, then ours could do for our own. He bestirred him on all sides, his powers were quick and strong within him, and those without he disposed of thus. His troops he placed most on Sand-hill, Porcupine (or Porc-espice), the North-east Raveline, the forts and curtain of the old town: these were the breaches, the other guards were all furnished as was then fitting according to our numbers.

The Quarriers held their men till a Parley was commenced, and by it they secured. The False-bray was abandoned by order, as not tenable in time of assault, the Cannon in it dismounted, lest it should be spoyled by our own in Helmont which flanked it, and the whole face of Sand-hil. This False-bray was that dangerous passage mentioned in the objection going before, which I thought to have passed over, but am since otherwise advised. It lay at the foot of Sand-hil, in the eye of the enemy, and was therefore as well known to them as to our selves and so was the way to it, for they saw daily our entry to the guard to be through a covert-gallery, forced through the bottom of the said hil:

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it was so narrow that two men armed were the most could passe in front; when you were come out of it, you were presently at the havens side, and the new town, without discovering any guard, passage, or place of importance, such as might any wayes give the least advantage to an enemies observation; and was (in truth) in nothing else secret, but that it was covered overhead from the eye of the heavens, otherwise there was no passage about the whole town lesse prejudiciall then that. There is a bolt of the same quiver likewise fallen into Emmanuel de Metterens book. There the Generalls judgement is (forsooth) controlled, and by the providence of Captain Sinklyer, and some others (as they think) much bettered. The Generall there is said to have neglected the False-bray, and that in a time when it was needfull to have defended it; but Captain Sinklyer with other Captains provided for it. But how provided for it? Sinklyer with six muskettiers undertook it; the Captains promised him two Companies to second him, the place could contain one good one. But why muskettiers alone, and not pikes? since they would make it good, why but six, and that against the fury of an army? what knowledge would they teach our Cannons to spare the Scots, and kill the Spaniards being joyned pesle-mesle? It is ridiculous. Captain Sinklyer, if he lived, would be angry to have his judgement thus wronged, and printed so small, as to undertake the defence of the False-bray, when the Bulwark it self was assaultable. But I leave these poore detractions that bewray onely the detractions weaknesse; and so return to the matter.

On the two Bulwarks formerly mentioned (Helmont and Sand-hil) with the mount Flaming-
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burgh, he placed store of Artillery and Mortar, the Mortars most of all at Helmont, and much Ordnance; for that (as I said before) scowred the avenue of the enemies coming upon the Sand-hil, and the old town.

When he had thus ordered his affairs for defence, he began to betake him to his stratageme (which indeed was our best shelter against that storm). He sent Captain Lewis Courtier (who spake good Spanish) into the Porcupine (or Porc-espice) the nearest place of guard to the enemy, with order to desire speech with some of them, he called twice or thrice, or more, but none answered him, so he effected nothing. The Generall displeased thereat, sent me to the place on the same errand. I called, but no man answered; beat a drum, but they would not hear; upon that I returned to the Generall, and told him they expected form; if he would speak with any of them, I must go without the limits of our works; he desired it, but fearing they would shoot at me; I put it to an adventure.

Coming to the havens-side, I caused the drummer to beat, and at the second call one answered me. After a little stay, the Governour of Sluys (Mattheo Cerna-no) came to me, each made his qualitie known to the other, I my errand to him, that the Generall Vere desired to have some qualified person of theirs sent into the town to speak with him; he this to the Archduke: I attended his return, which was speedy, and with acceptance; he told me of his affection to our Nation, bred and nourished through the good correspondency and neighbour-hood betwixt the Lord Governour of Flushing, Sir Robert Sidney, and him. He would take it as a courtesie that the Generall Vere would

would nominate and desire him of the Archduke to be employed in this businesse. This was performed, and at our next meeting agreed, that I should be a pledge for him, that each should bring a companion with him; that he with his should have Generall Veres; I and mine Don Augustinoes word for our safety; that during the Treaty no hostility should be used on land; that against low-water we should finde our selves there again at the same place. This done, we parted each to his home.

I told the Generall what had passed, he perswaded (and that earnestly) with the Netherlandish , French , and Captains of other Nations , to have some one of them accompany me in this action ; the rather to avoid that interpretation which he fore-saw would follow being mannaged by him and his English onely; but they all refused, notwithstanding he assured severall of them, his purpose was no other then to gain time, where my self can testifie, that coming to him almost at low-water to know his further pleasure, I found him very earnest in perswading with an old Captain called Nicolas de Leur, to whom I heard him say, Je vous assure ce n'est que pour gagner temps. I was not then so good a Frenchman as that I durst say I well understood him, neither the purpose he had with him ; since I have learned both better. This man refused as well as the rest, whereupon the Generall in a choler, willed to take with me whom I would my self, for he would appoint none. I took my old companion, and then familiar friend, Captain Fairfax. Cerano and Ottanes were then at the water-side, when we came; Simon Anthonio and Gamboletti, both Colonels or Maistros del campo brought them over

on horsback to us; on the other side, Don Juan de Pantochi Ajudante received us, and Don Augustino de Mexia at the battery; behinde which was the army ranged ready for the assault.

These two brought us to the Archduke, who was then come to the approaches, and accompanied as became so great a Prince; we performed those respects were fitting, he vouchsafed us the honour to move his hat, and being informed by one Hugh Owen (an Englishman, but a fugitive) of our names and families, as also that I could speak Spanish; he conjured me as I was a Gentleman, to tell him if there were any deceit in this handling or no; I told him, if there were it was more then I knew: for with my knowledge I would not be used as an instrument in a work of that nature: he asked me then what instructions I had; I told him, none; for we were come hither onely as pledges to assure the return of them, to whom he had given his instructions; he asked me again, whether I thought the Generall meant sincerely, or not; I told him, that I was altogether unacquainted with his purpose, but for any thing I knew, he did. Upon this we were dismissed, and by Don Augustino (whom Don Juan de Pantochi ever attended) brought to his lodging, and there honourably and kindly entertained, and visited by most of the Chiefs in the army, and also by some Ecclesiasticall persons.

There came an advertisement from the approaches of working in the town, this was occasioned by noise of knocking in (as they thought) Palizadoes. To give order to the contrary, we were after carried on horsback thither; we having received answer, that it was onely a cabbin of planks set up to keep beer in, the noise

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of that work, and their suspicion ceased together, yet we stayed some few houres at Gamboletti the Italian Colonels guard, who at that time had the point, and Conde Theodoro Trivulci, and some other of the Cavalry accompanied us some houres; after which we returned to the camp, and to Don Augustino, and our rest. In the morning we found our lodging invironed with a strong guard, and understood of the discontentments of Cerano and Ottanes being returned, and how they had not any speech with the Generall. This startled me and Fairfax, who dreamt of no such matter, nor of any such manner of proceedings: Fairfax thought I had some secret instructions in particular, and desired me to tell what the Fox meant to do; I told him (and it was truth) I knew as little as he; but calling then to minde the discourse he had in his lodging, and mentioned formerly in this, and comparing it with the action, I said to Fairfax, that I verily believed that he meant to put a trick upon them; but (quoth he) the trick is put upon us, me thinks, for we are prisoners, and in their power; they at liberty, and our judges.

Don Augustino coming to us gave an end to this discourse, and beginning another with me apart in his own chamber, where, with a grave and settled countenance, he told me of the Commissioners return, their entertainments and discontentments, as also the Archdukes towards me, for abusing him, and especially he urged these two points, That I told Cerano that the Generall desired speech with some from his Highnesse, which seemed not to be so, for he flatly refused it: That I had said to his Highnesse himself, that I was not an instrument of deceit, which also appeared otherwise,

and would not (I must account) be so slightly passed over : hereunto I answered, That the Commissioners are returned without speech with the Generall is as strange to me, as unexpected of them; and I am the more sensible of this discourtesie towards them through the kinde usage I receive here of you; but as I am not of counsel in this manner of proceedings, so I know as little how to help it, as I can reach the drift. Touching the other point of his Highnesse displeasure towards me, I hope so noble a Prince will admit no other impression of my person or actions, then the integrity of both shall fairly deliver him: for if I have deceived him, it is more then probable I am deceived my self; nor do I believe that his Highnesse nor any of you judge me so flat, or so stupid, as upon knowledge of such a purpose, in irritating his Highnesse, I would deliver my self and friend as sacrifices to make another mans attonement. It is certain then, if the Generall hath fraud in this action, he borrows our persons, not our consents to work it by; which though you have now in your power, yet will I not fear the least ill measure, so long as I have the word of Don Augustino for my safety. The noble Gentleman moved with my confidence, took me in his arms, assured me it again, as also any courtesie else during my stay there, and was indeed as good as his word.

This thus passed, he told me he would relate faithfully to the Archduke what I had said; but yet ere he went, desired to know of me what I thought was to be further done; I told him, it could not be but there must be a mistaking on the one side or the other, that therefore to clear all doubts, I held it expedient for me to write to the Generall to let him know our present condition,

dition, his Highnesse discontentment upon this manner of proceeding, the danger he exposed us unto, and to understand his further purpose for our enlargement. This answer he carried presently to his Highnesse, and was interpreted by Owen, then sent by a messenger into the town; and thus was this rub removed, the Commissioners required and sent in, and the Parley brought upon the former foot again.

The Generall was not a little glad of their return, for it redeemed the fear he had of ours, who (as Captain Charles Rassart told me after) was not a little perplexed for me; he would often say, What shall I do for my Lieutenant-Colonel, and wished he had me back again, though he payed my ransome five times over: he would sometimes comfort himself with hope of their civility and my demeanour: fearing the worst, he said, I could not suffer better then for the publick cause.

The reason he hazarded us, and handled them, was to gain so much more time, for that was precious to him for the advancement of his works in the old town, to which through the benefit of this occasion of cessation of hostility, he had now drawn most of the hands could labour, giving them spades to work, and order to have their weapons by them ready upon occasion to fight: he handled the matter so, that ere the Commissioners returned again, the old town and works were stronger by a thousand men. He could not have done this (at least so conveniently) had he begun conference with them at their first entrie, nor avoided that first conference, had he stayed them in the town, at least (every man hath his own wayes) he understood it so, and it was a sure and safe course for him and his designes: for causing Edward Goldwell, (a
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Gentleman that then waited on him in his chamber) to make an alarm at their entry, he pretended there-upon treachery on their part, and made it the cause, why he would neither let them stay in the town, nor return the way they came. This bred disputes, & messengers passed to and fro betwixt them and the Generall. In the mean time the flood came in, and the water waxed so high that there was no passage that way without a boat; whereof there was none on that side of the town, nor any brought, for that had been to crosse his own purpose. The Commissioners desired earnestly to be suffered to stay, though it were upon the worst guard of the town; but it was denied: for he must rid himself of them, he could not do his businesse so well, if their eyes and ears were so near him; he sent them therefore to their friends on the East-side, forecasting wisely, that ere they could come there, and thence by the South to the West-side again; there to have admittance to his Highnesse, and there to have the matter debated in Council, he should not onely gain the whole winter-night, but most part of the next day for his advantage, which fell out according to that calculation, and beyond his expectation that it continued longer.

At the Commissioners return, his later entertainment to them was better then the first; he feasted with them, drank and discoursed with them, but came to no direct overture of article; though they much pressed him; that part of the day and the whole night was so spent, and in sleep. The like had we in the camp, except drinking, whereof there was no excesse, but of good chear and courtesie abundance. In the morning were discovered five ships out of Zeland riding in the
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rode, they brought four hundred men, and some materials for the sea-works; the men were landed on the strand with long boats and shallops; the enemy shot at them with their artillery, but did no hurt.

The pretext of succour from the States the Generall took to break off the Treaty, which he had not yet really entred into. The Commissioners were on both sides discharged in this order. Cerano came first into the army, it was my right to have gone for him, but I sent Captain Fairfax at the earnest entreaty of Don Juan de Pantocho and some others, who said, they desired my stay, onely to have my company so much the longer, making me believe it was agreeable to them, the rather for that I spake their Language; I was the more willing to yield, because I would not leave any other impression then that I saw they had received of my integrity in this negoriation: Fairfax being in the town, Ottanes made not long stay, nor I after him.

The Generall was not pleased that I stayed out of my turn; but when I gave him my reasons for it, he seemed to be well contented.

“Generall Vere having now received part
 “Of the long-expected supplies, together
 “with the assurance of more at hand, strait-
 “way broke off the Treaty; which, though
 “ending somewhat abruptly, had (it seems)
 “finished the part which was by him allotted
 “it; whereupon he sent the Archduke this fol-
 “lowing acquittance.

WE have heretofore held it necessary for certain reasons to treat with the Deputies which had authority from your Highnesse; but whilest we were about to conclude upon the Conditions and Articles, there are arrived certain of our ships of Warre, by whom we have received part of that which we had need of; so that we cannot with our Honour and Oath continue the Treaty, nor proceed in it; which we hope that your Highnesse will not take in ill part; and that neverthelesse, when your power shall reduce us to the like estate, you will not refuse as a most generous Prince to vouchsafe us again a gentle audience.

From our Town of Ostend,

the 25 of December, 1601.

Signed, FRANCIS VERE.

“**N**OW whosoever shall but consider how
“ many and how great difficulties the
“ Archduke had struggled with to maintain the
“ siege; how highly concerned he was in
“ point of honour, and how eagerly engaged
“ in his affections, and what assured hopes he
had

" had of taking the town; will easily conceive
 " that he must needs finde himself much dis-
 " composed at so unexpected a disappoint-
 " ment. He had already taken it with his eyes;
 " &, as if he had bound the Leviathan for his
 " maidens to sport withall, under the assu-
 " rance of the truce he walked the *Infanta* be-
 " fore the town with twenty Ladyes and Gen-
 " tlewomen in her train; as it were valiantly
 " to stroke this wild beast, which he had now
 " laid fast in the toiles; and to look upon the
 " out-side of the town before they entred into
 " it. Now to have his hopes thus blown up;
 " and to be thrown from the top of so much
 " confidence! wonder not if we finde him
 " much enraged at it, and what can we now
 " expect, but that he should let fly his rage in a
 " sudden and furious assault upon the town?
 " especially considering that before the treaty
 " began, all things were in readinesse for such
 " a purpose. But whether it were that the trea-
 " ty had unbended the souldiers resolution,
 " or the unexpected breaking off stounded the
 " *Archdukes* counsels, or whether his men
 " were discouraged at their enemies increased
 " strength, or whatsoever the cause was, cer-
 " tain it is, that there was no considerable as-
 " sault made upon the town for many dayes
 " after.

" And we have cause to beleive that Gene-
 " rall Vere, was never a whit sorry for it, who
 " had by this means opportunity (though
 " no leasure) to repair his works; wherein he

“ employed above twelve hundred men for at
“ least eight dayes together; during which
“ time he stood in guard in person at the time
“ of low-water in the night, (being the time of
“ the greatest danger) which conduced much
“ to the encouragement of his men; and ha-
“ ving received intelligence by his scouts of
“ the enemies preparations and resolutions
“ within few dayes to give them a general as-
“ sault, he was carefull to man the chief places
“ *Helmont*, *Sand-hill*, and the rest; and to fur-
“ nish them with Cannon and stones, and
“ what else might be usefull for their de-
“ fences.

“ Mean while the besiegers spared no pow-
“ der, but let fly at the ships, which notwith-
“ standing daily and nightly went into the
“ town; and many a bullet was interchanged
“ between the town and the camp; who lay
“ all this while pelting at one another, some
“ small hurts on both sides being given and
“ received.

“ But the seventh of January was the day
“ designed by the besiegers, wherein to at-
“ tempt something extraordinary.

“ All day long without intermission did
“ the *Archduke* batter the bulwark of *Sand-hill*,
“ *Helmont*, *Porc-espice*, and other places near ad-
“ joyning, with eighteen Cannon from two
“ of his batteries, the one at the foot of the
“ downs upon the *Catteys*, and the other on
“ the South-side thereof; from whence were
“ discharged (which the Cannoniers count-
ed)

“ ed) above two thousand shot on that side
“ the town, all the bullets weighing fourty,
“ and fourty six pounds a piece.

“ After I was thus far engaged I happily
“ met with an account of this bloody assault,
“ by *Henry Hexham*, who was present at it; to
“ him therefore I shall willingly resigne the
“ story.

His Highnesse, the Archduke, then seeing himself thus deluded by Generall Vere his Parley, was much vexed thereat, and very angry with the chief of his Council of War, who had diverted him from giving the assault upon that day when the Parly was called for; insomuch that some of them, for two or three dayes after (as it was credibly reported) durst not look him in the face; others, to please him, perswaded him to give an assault upon the town. Hereupon his Highnesse took a resolution to revenge himself of those within the town; saying, He would put them all to the sword; his Commanders and souldiers taking likewise an oath, that if they entred, they would not spare man, woman, nor childe in it. Till that the enemy had shot upon and into the town, above an hundred sixty three thousand two hundred Cannon-shot, to beat it about our ears, scarce leaving a whole house standing; but now to pour out his wrath and fury more upon us, on the seventh of January above-said, very early in the morning he began with eighteen pieces of Cannon and half-Cannon carrying bullets of fourty and fourty eight pounds a piece, from their pile-battery, and that which stood under their Cattey upon the foot of the Downs, to batter

Sand-hil, the Porc-espice, and Helmont, and that day till evening he shot upon Sand-hil, and the curtain of the old town above two and twenty hundred Cannon-shot; insomuch that it might rather have been called Yron-hil then Sand-hil: for it stuck so full of bullets, that many of them tumbled down into the False-bray, and others, striking on their own bullets, breaking in pieces flew up into the aire as high as a steeple.

During this furious battery, the enemy all the day long made great preparations to assault us against night; and to that end brought down scaling ladders, great store of ammunition, hand-granadoes, and diverse other instruments and materials of war fitting thereunto; and withall toward evening drew down his army, and ordered his men in this manner.

Count Farneze an Italian should first give on with two thousand Italians & Spaniards upon Sand-hil, the breach, and the curtain of the old town; the Governour of Dixmunde with two thousand Spaniards and other Nations upon the Porc-espice and Helmont. Another Captain with five hundred men to fall on upon the West-raveline, and another Captain with five hundred men more upon the South-quarriers, and the Spanish Serjeant-major-generall, which was an hostage in Ostend, upon the West-quarriers, making in all eight thousand men to assault the West-side; & the Count of Bucquoy was to have assaulted the East-side, the East-raveline, and the new-haven, as a second for them which fell on upon Sand-hil, and the old town on the West-side: and thus their men, time, and place was ordered.

Generall Vere knowing the enemies intent, that he would

would assault us at a low-water, slept not, but was exceeding carefull and vigilant all the day, to prepare things necessary to defend the town, and with-stand the enemy. And because there were no Sparrs, Beams, and Palizadoes in the magazine, he caused divers houses that were shot, to be pulled down, and taking the Beams and Sparrs from off them, he made the carpenters make Palizadoes and Stockadoes of them: and at a high-water shut the West-slucers, and engrossed as much water as possibly he could into the old and new town. And toward evening drew all the men in the town, that were able to fight, into arms, and disposed of them, as followeth.

To maintain Sand-hil, and defend the breach, he placed his brother Sir Horace Vere, and Sir Charles Fairfax with twelve weak companies, whereof some were not above ten or twelve men strong, giving them double arms, a pike and a musket, and good store of ammunition.

Upon the curtain of the old town, between Sand-hil and a redoubt called Schottenburch, a most dangerous place, which he feared most, being torn and beaten down with the sea and the enemies Cannon, Sir Francis Vere stood himself with Captain Zeglin, with six weak companies to help to defend it.

Within the redoubt of Schottenburch it self, he appointed Captain Utenhoven, and Captain Haughton with their two companies.

From Schottenburch along the curtain to the old Church, which the enemy had shot down, he placed Colonel Lone with three hundred Zelanders, that came into the town the day the Parley brake off.

From the old Church along the curtain and the
flanks

flanks to the North-part, Captain Zithan commanded over six weak companies.

Upon the Redoubt called Moses-table was Captain Montesquir de Roques (a worthy French Captain, whom Sir Francis Vere loved entirely for the worth and valour that was in him) with two French companies.

For the guarding of the North-raveline, he appointed Captain Charles Rassart with four weak companies: the rest of the curtain (by reason of the flanks upon the cut of the new-haven, being reasonable well defended) were left unmanned.

Upon the curtain of the new town under Flaming-burgh, were placed five weak companies to second Moles-table, if need did require.

Upon Flaming-burgh, two whole cannon and two field-pieces were planted to scowre the old town.

Upon the West-raveline two companies were likewise placed, and a whole cannon, and two half-cannons planted upon it.

For the defending of the Porc-espice, a place of great importance, lying under Helmont, Sir Francis Vere placed four of the strongest companies that could be found in the town.

Upon the bulwark called Helmont, which flanked directly the breach and Sand-hil, and scowred along the strand between the enemies pile-battery, the old-haven over which they were to passe to come to Sand-hil, and the curtain of the old-town, which also did help to defend the Porc-espice, he placed ten weak companies, whereof the Generalls company was one; and had upon it nine brasse and yron pieces, laden with chained-bullets, boxes with musket-bullets, and cartridge

ridge-shot. These ten companies were kept as a reserve, to be employed as a second where most occasion required, and were commanded by Captain Metkirck and Serjeant-major- Carpenter.

The rest of the bulwarks, rampiers, and the counterscarp about the town, were but slightly manned with a few men, in regard the enemy could come to attempt none of them, till he became master of the former. Here you see a great many companies thus disposed of; but all, or the most of them, were exceeding weak, and some of them not above seven or eight men strong, which in all could not make above twelve hundred able fighting-men, to resist an army of ten thousand men, that stood ready to assault them.

The Ordnance and other instruments and materials of warre the Generall disposed of in this sort; upon the casement of the West-bulwark he planted two whole and two half-Cannons, which flanked Helmont and the Porc-espice, and scowred along the old-haven, down as far as the Ton-beacon, beyond their pile-battery, next to that place where they were to passe over the haven at a low-water. These Ordnance were likewise charged with musket-bullets, chained-bullets, and yron-bullets.

Upon all these batteries, especially those which flanked the breach, and played directly upon the strand, Sir Francis Vere disposed of the best Cannoniers in the town; among the rest an Englishman called Francis the Gurmer, an excellent Cannonier, which had been the death of many a Spaniard. And because they should be sure to take their mark right upon their cog, before it grew dark he commanded them to let flie two or three Cannon-bullets upon the strand, and to-

wards the new-haven, to see for a triall where their bullets fell, that they might finde their ground the better in the night, when the enemy was to fall on.

Moreover, upon the top of the breach, and along the curtain of the old town were set firkins of ashes to be tumbled down the wall upon the enemy to blinde them; also little firkins with frize-ruytters, or quadrant tenter-nails, three sticking in the ground, and one upright; which were likewise to be cast down the rampier to prick them, when they sought to enter. Then many great heaps of stones, and brick-bats, which the souldiers brought from the old Church they had shot down, to throw amongst them: then we had ropes of pitch, hoops bound about with squibs and fire-works to throw among them; great store of hand-gradoes, and clubs, which we called Hercules-clubs, with heavy heads of wood, and nails driven into the squares of them. These and some others (because the enemy had sworn all our deaths) the Generall provided to entertain and welcome them.

When it began to grow darkish, a little before low-water, in the interim while the enemy was a cooling of his Ordnance, which had playd all the day long upon the breach and the old town, the Generall taking advantage of this precious time, commanded Captain Dexter and Captain Clark with some fiftie stout workmen, who had a rose-noble apiece for a quarter of an houres work, to get up to the top of the breach, which the enemies cannon had made very mountable, and then with all expedition to cast up a small breast-work, and drive in as many Palizadoes as possibly they could, that his brother Sir Horace Vere, and the rest of the Captains and souldiers which he commanded-

manded, might have some little shelter, the better to defend the breach, and repulse the enemy when he strived to enter: which (blessed be God) with the losse of a few men they performed.

This being done, Sir Francis Vere went through the sally-port down into the False-bray, and it being twilight, called for an old souldier, a Gentleman of his company, to go out Sentinel-perdu, and to creep out to the strand between two gabions, giving him expresse command, that if he saw an enemy, he should come in unto him silently, without giving any alarm at all. He crept upon his belly as far as he could, and at last discovered Count Farneze, above mentioned, wading and putting over the old-haven above their pile-battery, with his two thousand Italians, which were to fall on first; and as they waded over, he drew them up into battalions and divisions; which this Gentleman having discovered, came in silently to Sir Francis Vere (as he had commanded him), who asked him, What news? My Lord (said he) I smell good store of gold chains, buff-jerkins, Spanish-cassocks, and Spanish-blades. Ha, (sayes Sir Francis Vere) sayest thou me so? I hope thou shalt have some of them anon; and giving him a piece of gold, he went up again through the sally-port to the top of Sand-hil, where he gave expresse order to Serjeant-major Carpenter to go to Helmont, and every man to his charge, and not to take any alarm, or shoot off either cannon or musket-shot till he himself gave the signall; and then to give fire both with the Ordnance and small shot, as fast as ever they could charge and discharge.

When the enemy had put over his two thousand Italians, he had also a signall to give notice thereof to the

Count of Bucquoy, that they were ready to fall on, whose signal was the shot of a cannon from their pile-battery, with a hollow-holed-bullet into the sea towards his quarter, which made a humming noyse.

When Generall Vere had got them under the swoop of his cannon and small-shot, he poured a volley of cannon and musket-shot upon them, raking through their battalions, and making lanes amongst them upon the bare strand; which did so amaze and startle them, that they were at a non-plus, whether they should fall on, or retreat back again; yet at last taking courage, and tumbling over their dead bodies, they rallied themselves, and came under the foot of Sand-hil, and along the foot of the curtain of the old town, to the very piles that were strook under the wall; where they began to make ready to send us a volley. Which Sir Francis Vere seeing that they were a presenting, and ready to give fire upon us, (because indeed all the breast-work and parapet was beaten down flat to the rampier that day with their Ordnance) and we standing open to the enemies shot, commanded all the souldiers to fall flat down upon the ground, while the enemies shot flew like a shower of hail over their heads; which for the reasons above-said, saved a great many mens lives.

This being done, our men rising saw the enemy hasting to come up to the breach, and mounting up the wall of the old town. Sir Francis Vere flourishing his sword, called to them in Spanish and Italian *vienneza*, causing the souldiers as they climbed up, to cast and tumble down among them the firkins of ashes, the barrels of Frize-ruyters, the hoops, stones, and brick-bats, which were provided for them.

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The alarm being given, it was admirable to see with what courage and resolution our men fought; yea, the Lord did as it were infuse fresh courage and strength into a company of poor snakes and sick soldiers; which came running out of their butts up to the wall to fight their shares; and the women with their laps full of powder to supply them, when they had shot away all their ammunition.

Now were the walls of Ostend all on a light fire, and our Ordnance thundring upon them from our bulwarks; now was there a lamentable cry of dying men among them: for they could no sooner come up to the top of the breach to enter it, or peep up between Sandhil and Schottenburch, but they were either knocked on the head with the stocks of our muskets, our Hercules-clubs, or run through with our pikes and swords. Twice or thrice when they strived to enter, they were beaten off, and could get no advantage upon us.

The fight upon the breach and the old town continued hotter and hotter for the space of above an houre, the enemy falling on at the same instant upon the Porc-espice, Helmont, the West-raveline, & Quarriers, were so bravely repulsed, that they could not enter a man.

The enemy fainting, and having had his belly full, those on the West-side beat a dolefull retreat, while the Lord of Hosts ended our dispute for the town, crowned us with victory, and the roaring noise of our Cannon, rending the aire, and rolling along the superficies of the water, the wind being South, and with us, carried that night the news thereof to our friends in England and Holland.

Generall Vere perceiving the enemy to fall off, commanded me to run as fast as ever I could to Serjeant-major Carpenter, and the Auditour Fleming, who were upon Helmont, that they should presently open the West-sluce, out of which there ran such a stream and torrent down through the chanel of the West-haven, that upon their retreat it carried away many of their sound and hurt men into the sea; and besides, our men fell down our walls after them, slew a great many of their men as they retreated, and took some prisoners, pillaged and stript a great many, and brought in gold-chains, Spanish-pistols, buff-jerkins, Spanish-cassocks, blades, swords, and targets; among the rest one, wherein was enameled in gold the seven Worthies, worth seven or eight hundred gilders; and among the rest, that souldier, which Sir Francis Vere had sent out to discover, with as much booty as ever he could lug, saying, That Sir Francis Vere was now as good as his word.

Under Sand-hil, and all along the walls of the old town, the Porc-espice and West-raveline, lay whole heaps of dead carcases, forty or fifty upon a heap, stark naked, goodly young men, Spaniards and Italians: among which, some (besides other marks to know them by) had their beards clean shaven off. There lay also upon the sand some dead horse, with baskets of hand-granadoes; they left also behinde them their scaling-ladders, great store of spades, and shovels, bills, hatchets, and axes, with other materials.

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“ Here the French diary adds, that those who
“ gave the assault upon the old town, were fur-
“ nished with two or three dayes victuals,
“ which they had brought in sacks, intending
“ to have intrenched themselves, and main-
“ tained the place against the besieged, if their
“ enterprise had succeeded. Also, that among
“ the heaps of the slain was found in mans ap-
“ parell the body of a yong Spanish woman
“ neer unto *Sand-hill*, who (as was conjectured
“ by her wounds) had been slain in the assault,
“ having under her apparell a chain of gold set
“ with precious stones, besides other jewels &
“ silver. And that during this assault the *Arch-*
“ *duke* disposed of himself behinde the battery
“ of the *Catteys*, and the *Infanta* remained at the
“ fort *Isabella*.

Upon the *East-side* also they stood in three great
battalions before the town upon the Gullet, but the
tide coming in, they came too late; so that they could
not second those on the *West-side*, and fall on where
they were appointed; to wit, upon our new-haven,
which lay upon the *North-east-side* of the town. For
the water beginning to rise, it did amaze the souldiers,
and they feared, if they stayed any longer, they could
not be relieved by their fellows; howsoever for their
honours they would do something, and resolved to give
on upon our Spanish half-moon, which lay over the
Gullet on the *South-east* part of the town. But a
souldier of ours falling out of it (a policie of Sir
Francis Vere) disappointed this designe, and yielded
himself prisoner unto them; telling them that there
were

were but forty souldiers in the half-moon, and offered to lead them to it ; which he did, and they took it easily.

For Generall Vere (with great judgement) had left it thus ill manned, to draw the enemie on the East-side thither , to separate them from their fellows on the West-side, to make them lose time ; contenting himself to guard the places of most importance, assuring himself that he should soon recover the other at his pleasure.

The Archdukes men having thus taken the half-moon, and being many therein, they began with spades, shovels, pick-axes, and other instruments, to turn it up against the town. But all prevailed not, for it lay open towards the town, and those of the town began to shoot at them from the South and Spanish-bulwarks, both with Cannon and musket-shot, with such fury, as they slew many of them; and withall seeing the tide come in more and more, they began to faint : whereupon Generall Vere sent Captain Day with some troops to beat them out of it, who with great courage chased them out of it, with the effusion of much blood : for the next day they told three hundred men slain in the half-moon , besides those that were drowned and hurt.

In this generall assault, which on both sides of the town continued above two houres upon all the places above-mentioned , the Archduke (besides some that were carried into the sea) lost above two thousand men. Among the which there were a great number of Noble-men, Chiefs, and Commanders. Amongst the rest, the Count d' Imbero , an Italian, who offered as much gold as he did weigh for his ransome , and yet he was slain by a private souldier ; Don Duran-

go Maistro del campo, or Colonel; Don Alvares Suares Knight of the Order of Saint Jaques; Simon Anthonio Colonel; the Serjeant-major-Generall, who had been hostage in Ostend on the twenty fourth and twenty fifth of December 1601. and the Lieutenant-Governour of Antwerp, with diverse others.

On our side there were slain between thirty and forty souldiers, and about an hundred hurt. The men of command slain were Captain Haughton, Captain Nicolas vanden Lier, a Lieutenant of the new Geux, two English Lieutenants, an Ancient, and Captain Haughtons two Serjeants, and Master Tedcastle, Gentleman of Sir Francis Veres horse, who was slain between Sir Francis Vere and my self, (his Page) with two musket-bullets chained together; and calling to me, bad me pull off his gold ring from off his little finger, and send it to his sister as a token of his last good-night, and so commending his spirit into the hands of the Lord, died. Sir Horace Vere was likewise hurt in the leg, with a splinter that flew from a Palizado. And thus much briefly of the assault, and the repulse they received in Ostend, that day and night, in memorie of the heroick actions of Sir Francis Vere (of famous memorie) my old Master.

“ After this bloody shower was once over,
“ the weather cleared up into its usual temper,
“ and so continued, not without good store of
“ artificial thunder and lightning on both sides
“ daily, but without any remarkable alteration
“ on untill the seventh of March then next en-

“ suing, which was in the year one thousand six
“ hundred and two. Then did Generall *Vere*,
“ having lately repaired the Poulder and West-
“ square, resigne up his Government of *Ostend*
“ unto others appointed by the *States* to suc-
“ ceed him; having valiantly defended it for a-
“ bove eight moneths against all the *Archdukes*
“ power, and leaving it much better able to de-
“ fend it self, then it was at his first coming
“ thither. So the same night both he and his
“ brother, Sir *Horatio Vere*, imbarqued them-
“ selves, having sent away their horses and
“ baggage before them; and both carrying with
“ them, and leaving behinde them the marks
“ of true honour and renown.

FINIS.

PRÆLIUM NUPORTANUM

Rerum fide tradebat

IS. DORISLAUS. J. C.



Seviebat adhuc inter liberos viduosque *Belgas* civile Bellum, avidum sanguinis, pecuniæ prodigum, raptis per mutuas clades tot fortibus animis; & egestis in terræ punctum veteris simul & novi orbis immensis opibus; cùm, ærarii & stipendiorum inopiâ, *Hispanicas* legiones Seditio incessit. Vetus illâ militiâ malum, initio statim secularis anni in rabiem proruperat; orto à vexillariis per *Brabantiam* præsidia agitantibus initio, & tractis pari vel necessitate, vel prædandi lubidine *Wâlonum Germanorumque* numeris, qui *Crevekeuram*, & ad *Mosæ Vahalisque* confluentes S. *Andreae* munimentum insidebant. Excîverat ea res solito maturiùs, & vergente adhuc hyeme, *Mauritium Orangii* Principem, properum gnarumque occasionis. Et ille quidem, non territis magis quàm emptis seditiosorum animis, acceptisque in deditionem munimentis, clarâ in præsens victoriâ, & in posterum usui, adulto jam vere, *Hagam* reversus est. Sustulerant animos hoc successu liberi *Belgæ*; & in *Ordinum* Conventu disserebatur, In-

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standum cœptis & famæ, dum fluxâ ærarii & militum fide, vis dolûsque adversum discordes & iratos ex æquo valerent: *Hispaniæ* Regem, imminutis ob præclusa commercia vectigalium fructibus, attenuato *Indiarum* proventu, effusis priori anno in classem rursus *Angliæ* minacem & irritam opibus, læsâque apud *Italos* fide, non sufficere necessitatibus belli: Archiducem *Albertum*, primo statim in *Belgium* ingressu, Imperii primordia Tributis & odiis oneravisse: ab ipsis provinciis jampridem bello attritis, equitum peditumque vim, damna & injurias ægrè tolerari: Quare si acrius ipsi incuberint, externo simul impulsu, & interno motu ruiturum hostem. Multo hæc inter proceres adsensu celebrabantur, & plerique sumptuum & pecuniæ parci, verbis egregii & penè nimii erant. Sed *Hollandi*, in quos tota impendiorum moles inclinaverat, variè disserebant, de magnitudine æris alieni, inopiâ quæstum, & immensis civium oneribus, desolari urbes dilapsu opificum, mercatores exhaustos, vires animamque Reipublicæ elidi prædationibus *Dunkerkanorum*: abnuebantque ulteriores in æstatem sumptus, præterquam pacando mari, & rapiendæ prædantium sedi. In idem *Zelandi*, & acrius pertendebant, quantò gravioribus ob viciniam damnis afflictabantur. Destinatio hæc præpotentium *Provinciarum* specie & usu omnibus magnifica, sed aspera inceptu, perfectu ardua prudentibus videbatur: ea pars, quò suspectior sollicitis, *Principi* placebat; cujus pulcherrimum animum difficultas operis, &

& patrandi per id belli gloria exstimulaverant. Veruntamen cunctator naturâ, cautis potius quàm acribus consiliis summam expeditionis tractabat, quæ crebra cum rerum bellique prudentibus habebantur. Ibi maturissimus quisque oportunitates *Ostendæ* loqui, quæ præliis & ditione *Ordinum* in orâ *Flandriæ* tenebatur: illâc invehi Oceano exercitum, & inde planitie littoris præter *Nuportum* sub *Dunkerkam* duci in promptu esse; subsecuturâ classe cum Tormentis & annonâ militari; impulso simul terrâ, simul mari bello. Instantior aliis securitatis cura, nec imperatorium rebantur, ante captam *Nuportum*, *Dunkerkam* aggredi: ubi tergo consuluerint, haud magnâ mole expugnari urbem, neque situ, neque manu validam, fluxis ævo & incuriâ munimentis. Præcipuum fiduciæ alimentum erat Seditio *Hispanorum*, præpeditura subsidium obsessis; & si fortè motus confederint, impar equitatu & minor hostis non ausurus novissimum discrimen. Aderat consilio *Franciscus Verius*; quo nemo illâ tempestate rei militaris callidior habebatur: ille multo usu sui & hostium gnarus, pares & audentes pugnæ *Alberti* copias, incessurâsque prælio intra quartum & decimum à *Mauritii* in *Flandriam* appulsu diem, præsagus loquebatur. Erântque nonnulli consiliantium, quibus tuta magis cum ratione quàm prospera ex casu placebant: hi modestiùs differebant. Bellum suscipi avio itinere, hostili littore, inter incerta ventorum & maris: seditiosos ad obsequium flecti ingentibus promissis, & quantulacunque stipendio-

rum portione: imò ruituros ultro, ut assertâ in hostem capitali urbe, uberrimos *Flandriæ* agros & opes excusatiùs rapiant in præmium & prædam: &, si rem dari in casum oporteat, frustrâ equitem jactari, meliori hostium pedite, in quo præcipuum robur: modicum victoriæ pretium esse commercii securitatem, subactâ urbe infidiatrice maris & raptubus infami: at fuso exercitu, cladem immensam, & nihil reliquum victis, uno prælii turbine, mari, commercio, libertate & patriâ excussis. Inexcusatum viris tot per annos belli sapientiam professis præceps consilium: hæsurâque temeritatis infamiam, tunc quoque cùm pericula effugissent. Salutaria hæc, sed injucunda; flagrantibus *Hollandorum* animis in *Dunkerkam*, exitiabilem mercaturæ, & publicis ærarii fructibus gravem. Itâ victis tandem plurium consensu nolentibus, in *Flandriam* decernitur exercitus; ingentibus animis, nec minori paratu: mille navium classis in peditem equitèmq; distributa; curruum & Tormentorum ingens numerus; annonæ permagna vis. Placebâtque consilium, nè spatiis itinerum attereretur exercitus, impositos navibus militem, equos, com meatum, & extra fluminum ora in Oceanum evectos, exponere in portu *Ostendæ*, ad usum belli terrâ marique opportunæ. Sed bene consultis, classique jam inter *Zelandiæ* æstuaria allabenti fortuna ventique reflabant; cedente in Austrum cœlo enavigantibus adversum. Quare, cùm prima non provenissent, quod è præsentibus uberrimum erat, subducta fuit classis

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ad illam *Flandriae* oram, quam à *Zelandia* *Scaldis*, jam fluvii & maris ambiguus, abscindit. Ibi juxta Castellum, cui vocabulum *Philippina*, incitante sese æstu, naves in vadum adactæ, quæ, relabente pelago, in udi mollisque soli crepidinè, utpote latâ alvo, & pandis more gentico carinis, sine noxa sitlebant; adeò ut horarum quinque spatio tota belli moles haud sanè gravi labore in terram redderetur. Ipsâ specio exscendentis exercitus territi hostes, qui *Philippinam* insederant, sese dediderunt. Tum lustratæ copiæ equitum peditumque: illæ ter, hæ duodecim millium, dispersitæque in tres manus, viribus & dignitate pares; alternante inter duces, more militiæ, frontis & tergi vice. Harum unam ducebat *Ernestus*, comes *Nassavius*, vir belli egregius, & cui nunquam ratio, nonnunquam fortuna defuit: altera *Everardo* habebatur Comiti *Solmensi*, clarâ & veteri per *Germaniâ* nobilitate: tertiam regebat *Franciscus Verius*, domi egregiis natalibus, foris ingentibus ausis factisque celebratus. Consultor omnibus & autor aderat præeratque *Mauricius Orangianus*, columen partium. Modicis deinde itineribus, per depressum *Flandriae* agrum, prope *Ekeloam* & *Brugas* inclytam olim opibus & mercimoniis advenarum, transductus exercitus apud *Oldenburgum*, quarto ab *Ostenda* milliari, æstu sitique perustus consedit: flagrantissimis quippe solibus, ardente Junio, iter fecerant; & omnis illo tractu aqua turbida, & uligine decolor est, potûque nocens. Aperuerat hoc Castellum defensis hostium fuga, simulque
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viam quæ *Ostendam* pertingit: unde cibariorum & cerevisiæ affluenti copiâ toto sese triduo miles refecit. Ibi consultatum inter militiæ proceres, ecquo primùm molimine famam auspicarentur & bellum. Id maximè ambigebatur, utrum ad decus usumve potius foret, oppugnâtâne *Nuportum* hosti eripere; an verò exuere eundem Castellis, quæ fallaces inter & humentes campos veluti claustra *Ostende* insidebat. *Nuporti* obsidio primò pluribus, mox omnibus placuit. Tum primores *Ordinum*, comites itineris & consilium ducibus additi, *Ostendam* concessere, tutam mari, viris, murisque urbem, ut exempti dubiis belli, summæ rerum servarentur: unâque *Solmensis* sua cum manu, quâ brevissimum iter, *Ostendam* præmissus, ut capto Castello, cui nomen *Albertus*, viam, quæ ab *Ostenda* *Nuportum* ducit, incurso & periculis hostium exsolveret. Et huic quidem sua vis & præsidii metus facilem victoriam dedere. Exinde *Mauritius* motis ab *Oldenburgo* castris, per interiora *Flandriæ* *Nuportum* versus ducebat exercitum; rapturus in transitu *Dammam*, Castellum ignobile quidem, sed accumbens flumini, quod prætervehens *Nuportum* sorbetur mari. At *Oldenburgum* & vicinas arces, vacuas metu & fugâ hostium, suis ipse militibus discedens firmaverat; nam operibus munitæ erant; ut hostem si fortè excîtum, illo viæ compendio præcluderet, objectaretque labori & casibus, per longinquos circuitus *Nuporto* obsessæ subventurum. Ceterùm proficiscentes jam copias putris soli labes, & curruum Tormentorumque

que ponderi subsidens humus ab itinere destinato avertit: igitur, cum in tenui viculo prope *Hemskerkam* pernoctavisset exercitus, flexo in dextram & maritima itinere, per læta & pingua pascuorum viam moliebantur versus planitiem littoris; oppletis passim, dum incedunt, humilioribus fossis; & latioribus alveis, aut quibus altior gurges est, ponte junctis; non enim alia incilibus dissectior & fecundior aquarum regio est. Ità tandem perventum ad colles littori prætextos; castràque posita prope munimentum, quod captum antè *Solmensi* memoravimus. Primâ statim luce fulsere signa in planitie littorea; lætòque & composito agmine *Nuportum* ductæ legiones; fluviùmque, quo littus diffinditur, fidente æstu, vado transiêre. Ardebat interim *Hispanorum* Seditio, flagrantissimâ vi illorum, qui, occupatis *Diestâ Brabantie* & conterminis *Hannonie*, terrore & minis pecuniam & spolia civium, velut ex hoste prædam, convectabant. Hi perniciæ & lue exempli integros quoque traxerant; egressosque ab *Archiduce* Legatos, hos irrisu & ludibrio, alios impulsu & verberibus proturbaverant; donec *Isabella* Infans *Hispanie*, *Alberto* nupta, timens dotali *Belgio*, ire Ipsa & opponere sanguinis Majestatem furentibus non muliebriter constituit; ingens animi Heroïna; & virilibus sub patre *Philippo* curis supra fæminam exercita. Illa per decus *Hispani* nominis & ante-actæ militiæ obtestabatur, nè se, nè maritum, hosti inultos *Flandriæ* agros rapienti in prædam relinquerent; admonebátque milites optatæ & clu-

sæ toties pugna; nunc montibus, mari, armis
 cinctum hostem: nec ullum deprensis iter, nisi
 quod ferro aperiant: irent, properarent culpam
 in decus vertere; imponderentque triginta &
 quatuor annis magnum diem: sed finis sermo-
 num in promisso mercedis & præmiorum; id-
 que datis obsidibus firmabatur: tum preces
 valuere. Reversos ad obsequium cupido involat
 eundi in hostem; piaculum furoris: secutusque
 ardorem militum *Albertus*, quantum in præ-
 fidiis copiarum est, sub signis educit: undecim
 millia peditum, equites mille & quadrin-
 gentos, veteranum militem & expertæ virtu-
 tis: rapiebátque exercitum adeò citus & præ-
 ceptus, ut famam sui præveniret: vir acer bello,
 & quantam modestiæ famam in purpura,
 tantam militiâ vigoris laudem apud posteros
 meritis. At securus hostium *Orangianus* exer-
 citus loca castris apud *Nuportum* ceperat, tuta
 oppugnaturis, arctatura obsessos, dispertitâ-
 que munia circummœnientibus: premenda-
 rum urbium artifice *Mauritii* ingenio. Jam-
 que classis, dives annonæ, cum omni instru-
 mento militari appulerat: pontemque contex-
 tu navium classiarii inceperant sternendo fluvio
 quâ is coit arctior; ut castra & tendens in illis
 cis ultrâque miles, viribus & usu promptius
 miscerentur: cum, quarto quo hæc properantur
 die, trepidi ab *Ostenda* nuncii attulere, hostem
 virium famâque ingentem prope *Oldenbur-*
gum consedisse. Sanè *Rivasius*, *Hispanus*, mul-
 tis stipendiis et belli gnarus, ostentandis cir-
 ca *Slusam* copiis, & rumore supra verum au-
 ctis,

ctis, *Nuporti* obsidione avertere *Mauritium*, jam antè agitaverat. Quare, vocato concilio, cùm pleriq; notam *Rivasii* jactantiam spernerent, simulatione virium illudentis timori præsidiorum; *Verius* semper magna belli, mox ingens pars prælii, memor augurii, & tenax prioris sententiæ, contrà differebat: Haud dubiè ingruere hostem cum robore exercitûs & prælio incedere, quare repentino discrimini unum esse remedium, si, relictâ *Nuporto*, totâ belli mole protinus occurrant, antequàm vel minando exterritis, vel vi obtritis *Oldenburgi* & *Snaeskerkæ* præsidiis, perruptoque itineris obice, medium se *Ostendam* inter & *Nuportum* hostis objiciat; posse, si universi festinaverint, simul præsidiis suis reddi salutem, & hostium Castellis, intermersa & uliginosa camporum, claudi aditum exitumque: pretium laboris haud inglorium; & paulò antè capturæ *Nuporti* à prudentibus æquatum. Hæc quidem haud frustra moneri *Mauritius* fatebatur, sed cunctator naturâ, dum percoquit consilium, corrumpit. Sub noctem, acrioribus, & alium alio urgentibus nuntiis adferebatur, hosti magnum & infestum agmen esse, instructumque Tormentis: mox, militi in *Oldenburgi* præsidium agitati ab Archiducis *Alberti* fœcialibus minaciter imperatam deditionem, neque post multò, impares tutelæ suæ imminentem perniciem tempestivâ deditione prævenisse. Nox ducibus inquietas erat & pervigil, turbidis nuntiorum rumoribus, et expendente rursus belli consilia Principe. Igitur *Verius*, quoniam prima consiliorum

frustrà ceciderant, perruptis munimentis, inter quæ sisti hostem speraverat, hortari, orare, ut motis confestim castris, arriperent insiderentq; citeriorem illius itineris exitum, quod per depressa pascuorum et humida paludum, ab *Hemskerka* adusque colles littoreos, obrutis fossis, jactûque pontium sibi transituris constraverant: non enim alium hosti in littus aditum esse, nisi flexu, et per avia circumerranti. Hactenus *Veriana* sententiæ *Mauritius* accesserat, ut *Ernestum Nassavium* cum undeviginti peditum signis, equitibus quingentis, Tormentis duobus, et cetero paratu militari, jussit præmitti, fauces itineris immuniturum; ipse cum reliqui exercitûs viribus, ubi res posceret, adfuturus. At *Verius* carpi vires & dispergi copias abnuebat; sæpe omnes vinci, pugnantibus singulis: fas enim credi, hostem, occasionum haud legnem, cum milite primi agminis ante erupturum ex angustiis, quàm illæ occupari possint ab *Ernestianis*; quos, numero et viribus impares, objici veterano exercitui, et successibus feroci: enimvero motis simul omnibus copiis, parem fore cum hoste congressum; et locis æquis æquam fortunam, si totus transierit: at si modò partem sui explicuisset è faucibus transitûs; uti angustiarum viarum et temporis, incertaq; noctis persuadebant, in promptu victoriam: quod si citi, et omnes, hosti prævertant, itineris et belli arbitrium, occupantium fore. Jam adulta nox erat, cum acceptis, uti jussum fuerat, *Solmensibus* copiis, quæ metatæ ultra fluvium expeditioni promptiores erant, *Ernestus* di-

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greditur. Sequebantur ducem signa *Scotorum* duodecim : *Zelandi* centuriis septem; quinque equitum turmæ: lectus miles; et fide meliori quàm fortunâ. Vixdum orto die aggerem viæ ingressis, adventare hostem exploratores nuntiavêre. Interfluebat in medio rivus, quem ponte *Mauritius* junxerat; hunc pariter & viam hosti auferre, immisis ocyùs equitibus *Ernestus* jubet; nam limosa circum loca, aut paludibus incerta erant. Sed invecti non minore impetu *Hispani* pontem anteceperant. Hoc irritò conatu, arma corporaque hosti objiciunt; structâ acie in viæ angustis; nullâ quidem boni spe, sed æmulatione obsequii, & curâ decòri exitûs. Irrupit hostis ferox & iratus; totâque exercitûs mole incubuit: at illi, numero fatôq; dispares, firmati inter se, densis ordinibus excipere impetum, obniti prementibus, & inquietare victoriam. Obruti adversis, & salvâ virtutis famâ, cecidêre omnes contrariis vulneribus, versi in hostem: adjacentibus prope fractis hastilibus, & infelicibus armis. Hoc pedites fato finivêre. At *Ernestum Edmundumq; Scotorum* Tribunum, pernix equorum virtus *Ostendam* intulit: subsecuto omni ferè equitatu, cui vitæ major quàm gloriæ cupido. Ibi atroci nuntio perculsi *Ordines*, & ad preces ac supplicia versi nimias spes & præceps consilium execrabantur. Verùm Archidux *Albertus*, blandiente cæptis fortunâ, cumulos super & recentia cæde vestigia evectus properabat in littus: ipse prælii avidus, & seditiosorum maxime vocibus instinctus, qui, rapturi imperium nî

ducerentur, occupari *Orangianos* in transitu fluminis, & extingui reliqua belli postulabant. Ceterum, digrediente è castris *Ernesto*, imperatum ceteris ducibus fuerat, ut, albente statim cœlo, sua quisque signa ad ripam fluvii sisterent, alveum transitura simul ac æstus detumuisset. Quare curam ducum studia militum æquaverant, dubiâ adhuc luce, compositis ordinibus flumini adstantium. Ibi, dum opperiuntur donec sese æstus evolveret, *Mauritium*, haud procul à cepto ponte, procerum coronâ circumdatum, nuntius perculit de clade *Ernesti*; hostemque, jam transitis collibus, infesto agmine appropinquare in littore. Substitit *Princeps* defixus illætabili imagine, & magnæ cogitationis manifestus: obversante scilicet ingentis dici specie, quâ libertatem, decus, opes, spem Reipublicæ novissimam, in paucorum manibus & armis fortuna collocaverat. Sed diu bello exercitus, & tristium lætorumque sciens, nihil infracto animo unum gliscentibus periculis remedium docet, si, transmissio statim exercitu, ulteriorem ripam hosti præripiant; nî festinaverint, deprensis clausisque inulto sanguine pereundum. Ordo ducendi agminis illo die ad *Verium*, ritu militiæ, redierat. Hunc, prioris gloriæ virtutisque admonitum, ire properè, & agmen suum transmittere, unâque *Ludovicum Nassavium*, qui equitatui præerat, promptum ausis & laudi juvenem, transgredi jubet: ut, imminente fortunâ certaminis, maturo annis & spectato bellis rectore uteretur. Neque certis tamen mandatis *Verium Mauritius* instruxerat,

xerat, pro re, loco, tempore, suoque belli usu, consulturum : tantâ virtutis & fidei opinione erat. Neque *Verio* cessatum, quin altiores adhuc inter undas agmen suum transduceret, per catervas & cuneos prælio compositum ; adeò properè, ut militi tegmina detracturo, nè marinâ immadescerent, tantillum moræ negaverit; addito, propinquis hostibus, inanem esse vestimenti curam : Suum enim cuique vel supervacuum ante noctem, vel siccum & opulentius prædæ & usui futurum. Ità traductos equitem peditemque : hos Oceanum inter & colles subsistere jubet in æquore littoris, illos correpto spatio propiùs invehit in hostem (eminùs adhuc, tamen, ut cerni possit, incedentem in littore), non quidem irritando prælio; sed legendo, si quâ possit, æquiori loco, in quo impetum adventantium hostium exciperet sustentaretque: unum hoc etenim arti Imperatoriæ reliquum fortuna fecerat. Nam lubricum illum & versatilem in omnes flexus cohortium motum, quo *Mauritiana* militia præpollere *Hispanica* credebatur, inutilem fecerant Genius situsque regionis. Omnis enim exporrecta secundum mare planities, imminentium collium jugis obnoxia premitur: & ipsa collium temere disjecta congeries, præruptis undique tumulis & obliquo glomeratu inter se transversis exsurgit, ut inter anfractus nec oculis provideri, nec manu succurri laborantibus possit: plurimâque sui parte id latitudini spatium est, cui explendæ insidendæque impar esset *Mauritianus* exercitus. Unde periculum erat,

erat, nè introrsum, & quâ tumor collium sub-
 dit, per incustodita transgressus hostis hæren-
 tem vadis in navali *Nuportano* classem incendio
 popularetur. Nam ad Meridiem, inter ima
 collium & impervia pascuorum, læve virentis
 campi dorsum porrigitur equiti peditiq; firmū
 juxtā & inoffensum. Huic obviā discrimini
Verius ibat; cū, quatuor à *Nuporto* passuum
 millibus, advertit inter colles locum, ubi tumu-
 lorum fastigia celsiūs in Septentriones, in Me-
 ridiem leniūs efferuntur; simulque universam
 collium molem, transverso cavæ vallis interje-
 ctu diductam penitus abscindi: castigatori
 ibidem latitudinis spatio, & cui occupandæ
 non impares copiæ, hinc introrsus & per cam-
 pi dorsum, indē planitie littoris transiturum
 hostem infestis supernè telis incessituræ. Hæc
 regione, oportunis citra vallim, quam memo-
 ravi, collium tumulis, expectare hostem & for-
 tunam prælii constituit. Igitur ex agmine suo
 jam procedere jussu mille virorum robora ex-
 cerpsit: Prætorianos *Mauritii* ducentos &
 quinquaginta; hastatos sclopetariosque: *Anglos*
 paribus numero & armis: *Frisios* duplici nu-
 mero; sed omnes sclopetarios. Et *Anglos* qui-
 dem, admittis quinquaginta Prætorianis, sum-
 mitati collis imposuit, qui in sinum memora-
 tæ convallis projectior ceteris excurrit, præ-
 ceptis, abruptus, & ob mollitiem arenæ adcen-
 su arduus, ac vertice in tantam cavitatem de-
 presso, ut miles ab collium adversorum ictu-
 bus tutus, è margine & labris tumuli, tanquam
 è vallo & lorica, propugnaret. Ponè hunc col-
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lem passuum ducentorum intervallo insurgit alter, præcelso & insigni fastigio: illum insidere reliquos Prætorianos jubet, suopte ingenio juxtà validum, & addito levi manuum opere, haud minùs tutum: connectit utrumque velut aggestus arenæ perpetuus, paris naturæ, sed deprelsiori fastigio, qui rectus ad orientem Solem, latere in Austrum obtenditur, subjacente intrà vim & jactum telorum omni campo, quem inter infida pascuorum & collium radices pervium memoravi. Hujus infessum & tutelam *Frisiis* attribuit; jussis, ubi res ad manus venisset, tela sua & vulnera in Meridiè spargere; quæ tum cœli regio dextra erat in hostem obversis. Sed ab aggestûs hujus, quem diximus, sinistra, quâ Oceanum spectat, inter prærupta & confusa collium, locis naturâ tutis munitisq;, *Anglos* collocat septingentos, vultu & armis versos in Boream, & in vicinam subjectâq; littoris planitiem, integris ordinibus, ubi usus posceret, facilè prorupturos: hos tela sua & fulgura vibrare in oculos & ora hostium jusserrat, si fortè transitum in littore molirentur. Secundùm hos in ipsa planitie, quam verberat Oceanus, sed paulò in Ortum productiùs, quicquid reliquum *Anglorum*, & erant admodum sexcenti, explicuit gemino agmine, & æquis frontibus. Modico post *Anglos* intervallo, et propiores mari, bis mille *Frisii*, quatuor agminibus, sed binis in frontem, astitere. Densatis arctatisque manipulorum ordinibus, ipsa agmina patentioribus spatiis discreverat, ut postremorum inter primos facili

receptu, viribus & audaciâ mutuis singuli augerentur; & interim non obumbrantibus alias aliis, universæ simul copiæ, majore specie sui, hostium oculos implerent. Equites, signis decem, Oceano proximi, & omnium in Orientem primi, nudatam æstu arenam tenuêre. Vixdum primorem aciem *Verius* instruxerat, cùm *Mauritius*, comitante totâ Procerum manu, ante prima signa equo advectus, tractare palâm cœpit consilia viâsque prælii: circumfusus militiæ Principes percunctatus, num illis in vestigiis opperiri hostem, an ire cominus & ultro laceßere, constantius foret. Nihil æquè indecorum viris militaribus quàm argui timoris. Igitur, abruptâ consultandi morâ, Duces certatim proclamant, *Capienda arma, ducendum in hostem*, non impetu modò, sed ratione: Minorem scilicet hostibus animum fore, quò majorem ipsi prætulerint; audaciâ conciliari fortunam; & siquæ speciosius jactat militaris facundia: at cunctari, & summæ rei discrimen trahere, propiùs formidinem esse, cujus opinione vel aliturum hostem fiduciam sui, vel usurum morâ cunctantium ad usum belli; intercepto interim castris limite qui *Ostendam* ducit; unde arcti & infesti undique commeatus; inexplicabilis receptus. Ad ea *Verius* multâ militari prudentiâ dissebat: Hostem, improvise tumultu excîtum, inopem esse copiarum; æstare jam præcipiti, inanibus horreis, & attritâ regione: Quare frustrâ timeri, ut positis ibi castris subsidat, moliturus famem exercitui, cui congesta in naves

naves cibaria et apertus subvectioni Oceanus: Nec vereri se vanam illam fiduciam et citò defluxuram, ubi post tanta itinerum spatia, perusti Solis ardoribus, et attriti inter collium arenas vestigiis infidas et arduas adscensu, fessi cum integris, turbati cum compositis congressi, non loco minùs quàm virtute pellerentur. Ipsos satis citò victuros, ubi provisum foret nè vincerentur. At Duces eò pervicaciùs consilium suum amplexi, clamore jam et strepitu *Verium* obturbabant: nec sequiùs ille, animo, voce, & oculis ardens, suis se sententiâ aut loco motum iri negabat, non si totius orbis impulsu urgeretur; donec animorum sententiarumque discordiam, approbato *Verii* consilio, *Mauritius* composuit: statimq; ad ordinandas ceteras acies, quæ jam fluvium transierant, reiectus est: & illis quidem, resorbente æstu prout arenæ nudaverant, expansis in litore, suum cuique agmini equitem affudit à cornu sinistro, quod Oceano proximum. At sex Tormenta in frontem *Veriani* agminis promoveri iussit; ingenti mox ad victoriam adjumento. Sic instructi intentique hostem eminus adstantem opperiebantur. At ille, cum duabus horis loco non movisset, devius tandem à littore, collium impedita transverso itineris flexu pertransiit; ad quorum radices, ubi in campos desinunt, pares iterum horas refovendo militi absumpsit. Unde opinio rumorque invaluit; hostem obsepiendo itineri castra in medio positurum: sed apud gnaros militiæ, & consilia hostium ex rerum actu

rimantes, inania rumorum rationibus revincebantur. Ideo scilicet festinatum hosti, ut ipsos vel transitu fluminis præcluderet, vel impeditos in transitu aggrederetur: tantæ spei irritum, & nocturno prælio et matutino itinere fessum substituisse in littore; haud absurdè opinantem, ipsos (quibus in loco necessitas, una salus in armis) ultro incubituros; primùm spe propioris ab *Ernesto* auxilii, si fortè copias *Obtendam* receperit; mox cupidine ultionis, si cladem nuntii patefecerint: Nunc compertâ ipsorum loco se tenentium constantiâ, & urgente annonæ penuriâ rem dare in casum, prætulisse squalori littoris commoditatem camporum, ad requiem militis: simul expectare, donec adlabente pelago, et stagnantibus vadis corripitur planities, nè veteranus pedes, et nullâ præliorum fortunâ attritus, patentibus locis equestri procellâ funderetur. His rerum argumentis et sententiam et locum prudentes tuebantur. Medio ferè intumescens Oceani æstu, hostium copiæ, transmissis iterum collibus regressæ in littus, incedebant prælio; præcurrentibus haud modico ante aciem intervallo aliquot levis armaturæ equitibus; quorum unus sponte ruens et præfestinans capi, protractusque ad *Mauritium*, clarâ voce, *Ernesti* cladem, imminens prælium, robur et virtutem *Hispanorum*, et cuncta in majus extollebat. Et quanquam, *Mauritii* jussu, os declamanti clauderetur; proximi tamen militum quæ tristia acceperant, cumulata mœrore in vicinos, et illi rursus in alios, vel voce, vel vultu enuntiabant. At Princeps pugnans

pugnandi certus, & tumente jam æstu, enavigare classem jubet, quò, sublatâ spe fugæ, manus & arma miles respiceret, & in illis omnia. Aderat illi frater *Henricus-Fredericus* primâ juventâ: hunc monuit, ut ascensâ navi, si quid tristius fata pararent, se Reipublicæ redderet. Verùm ille aspernans, nec degenerem se ad pericula testatus, ut maneret, virtutemque illo in campo ex fratre Imperatore disceret, cum lacrymis exorabat: jam nunc instinctus cupidine gloriæ; quâ postmodum seculi sui invidiam pariter & laudes supergressus est. Propinquabat interim legionum hostilium acies; præsultante equitatu, insigni specie; sed adeò distanti spatio, ut totus in pugnam pateret & casum: itaque *Verius* equitem primi agminis invehi suaserat, qui acri aliquot armatorum impetu velitantes hostium Carabinarios retro impingeret in agmen turmarum; & ausas rursus instantesque turmas, sponte refugus eliceret sub ictum Tormentorum; ut pilis disjectæ percussæque totâ protinus equitum vi protererentur. Verùm *Ludovicus Nassavius* dignationis anxius, aspernatus rectorem & consilium, nullo adsultu impetûque in hostem invehi; sed turmis lentè ingruentibus cedere paulatim, & referri in suos. Cùm acriter consultis exsecutio deesset; & non ità procul abessent hostium turmæ; librari Tormenta *Verius* jubet: nec irritis libratorum ictibus mortes & vulnera toto agmine sparguntur: unde obliti dedecoris equites, trepidâ fugâ, et solutis ordinibus, vicinorum collum latebris se tuebantur: quæ res

maturam & incruentam victoriam *Nassavianis* equitibus præbuiſſet, ſi prompti & alacres, fractis & obtritſis hoſtium turmis, nudatas equitum præſidio legiones perrupiſſent. Aemulatione, & occultâ invidiâ, pulcherrimi facinoris occaſio defluxit. At pedites hoſtium extra vim caſumque fulminum, nihil labante fiducia, & continuato per littus itinere, Tormentis ante aciem longiùs evectis, cladem illatam non vanis ignibus ulciſcebantur. Dum hæc geruntur, adcreverant undæ, magnâque ſui parte ſtagnabat planities; adeò ut utriuſque exercitûs miles arctioribus manipulatim ordinibus illigaretur. At hoſtis, inopino flexu avertens à littore, cum omnibus copiis in edita collium enitebatur: ſive conſilium id fuit, ut equite minor, peditum robore inter impedita valeret; ſive metus intonantium in littore Tormentorum; certè non adeò maris ignarus erat, ut, improviſâ æſtuum vice, deſtinatione ſuâ excuteretur. Unde ſicut agminum, ità novæ conſiliorum formæ oriebantur. Et hoſtium quidem equitatus, tranſverſo per colles itinere evectus, virenti illâ, quam ſuprà memoravi, inter infida camporum, tumulorumque arenas, planitie ſubſtitit. In *Mauritano* exercitu prima acies, mutatis leviter ordinibus, locis penitus iiſdem inhærebat: at ſecundam poſtremâque è littore in colles ſubductas, paribus à latere & tergo intervallis cura Ducum diſcreverat, quibus antea in littore diſtinctæ ſteterant; ità ut trium acierum frontibus omnis collium latitudo expleretur: equites, eâdem illâ planitie turmis hoſtilibus

hostilibus oppositi, tenui agmine, pro loci angustis, exporrigebantur. Composito jam pugnae exercitu, Tormenta duo, monstrante *Verio*, & *Mauritio* jubente, in fastigium tumuli subvecta sunt; quorum telis omnis illa planities, quam equitatus occupaverat, supernè infestaretur. Sic omnibus ad novissimum casum paratis, digressuri ad sua quisque munia Duces, gravibus sanè *Mauritii* animum argumentis pervicerunt, ut postremam Ipse aciem præsens curaret; minoribus periculis non immixtus, majoribus non defuturus. *Verius* ad primam advectus, ubi alacrem instinctumque militem videt; in vertice collis, quem prominere præ ceteris in vallem, & infessum *Anglis* Prætorianisque supra retuli, velut in specula constitit; arduus, & vago in subiecta prospectu; unde & hostem observaret & regeret suos. Elegerat hunc, ut defensantibus oportunitatem & irrupturis iniquum, in quo cum fato diei transigaret: et quamvis ratio prælii frequentem totâ acie Ducem posceret, qui promptos laude, labantes ope, dubios exemplo firmaret, prohibebat tamen ratio situsque loci, inæquali regione, ubi inter obliquos & implicatos collium anfractus, nec ipse visu hostem, nec illius imperium miles vel oculis vel auribus assequerentur. Jam præcurrentes à principiis hostium sclopetarii, quos vitæ prodigos & obvios morti, militari vocabulo *Perditos* vocant, occupatis collium valli imminentium superciliis, *Verii* militē glandium conjectu laceffere, dum prima suorum acies adventaret: quâ adpropinquante,

quante, quingenti numero *Hispani*, non tam hastis sclopisq; quàm virtute & animis armati, nullo prælato vexillo, neque certo imperio, lati periculis, & decôris avidi, impetu in ardua factò, quanquam gravibus supernè ictibus affligerentur, perrumpere *Verii* collem insigni patientiâ vulnerum annitebantur. Eodémque momento primæ aciei eques per planitiem erupit in *Mauritanos*; quos sollers Ducum cura à latere medii agminis retrorsum instruxerat. Statim fulminantibus è vertice tumuli Tormentis, promptissimi quiq; proruebantur; reliqui præter latus *Veriani* agminis progressi, à quingentis illis, quos suprà memoraui, *Frisiis* in Meridiem collineantibus, tam infestâ scloporum grandine verberabantur, ut perculsi turbatíque post primum *Mauritianorum* impetum, fœdâ retro fugâ in peditum agmen impingerentur. Ibi fugæ temperatum & cædi. Majoribus animis pedites collem aggressi factum provocabant & gloriam; adjuti firmatíq; creberrimâ vi telorum, quibus prima *Hispanorum* acies suis è fastigiis *Veriani* collis propugnatores superurgebat. At *Verius*, incrudescente ferociâ hostium, ex *Anglis* septingentis, quos in Boream obversos, proximis littori jugis arcendo illac hosti locaverat, centum signi unius milites accersiri jubet, occultis inter prominentia collium gressibus, repentino impetu in latus oppugnantium incurfatuos. Illi cùm impigrè paruiſſent imperio, majorémq; quàm pro numero terrorem inferrent, *Verius* è summo vertice, per obtectum cavumque collis descen-

descensum, sexaginta subsignanos in frontem præliantium demisit. Obstupefecit hostem ruentium alacritas, pulsisque gradu, et protinus in fugam, *Verianus* miles totâ valle inhærebat, multâ pernicie, donœ aciei primæ suffugio protegerentur. Indè novus iterum globus integri militis, neque numero, nec animis, nec impetu minor, suis quisque signis & ordinibus soluti, æmulatione gloriæ prouunt, protruduntque *Verianos*; quorum acerrimus quisque sequentium, versâ pugnæ fortunâ, fugæ ultimus erat. Surgebant in ipsa valle aliquot colliculi, modico tumore: hos *Hispani*, dum cedentibus instant, arripiunt, ingenti locorum oportunitate, obiectis dejectu laterum hastatis, & erectis in vertices sclopetariis, unde acrior propiorque vis glandium in velitantes *Verii* vexillarios ingruerat. Ipse terram suis eripi flagitii ratus, centenos iterum ex *Anglis* custodibus littoris, excitos & permistos ceteris, ire ocyus, & deturbare tumulis hostem jubet. Prælium ibi atrox, varium, anceps; his, rursus illis, exitiabile. Modò glandibus, volatili malo, sæpe collato gradu, manibus, corpore, armis annixi implexique, sternebant & sternebantur, à fronte, à tergo; cominus, eminus; sed certior eminus perniciēs: patenti quippe valle; nec colliculorum modò, ad quos pugna exarserat, sed infessorum utrinq; collium ignibus & procellis telorum infestâ. Unde missus hinc indè in subsidium miles, festinato per vallē cursu, ruere in latera tumulorum, ubi à longinquis & inultis ictibus tuti, honestâ morte non

inglorii caderent. Neque segniùs qui tumultos infederant, impellere scandentes, detrudere obvios, ferire sclopis, fodere pugionibus: utrinque pudor, utrinque gloria: utroque vulnera, sanguis, cædes, stragèsque, variâ pereuntium formâ, & omni imagine mortium; donec, obstinatis inter se *Verianis*, labantes *Hispanorum* copiarum tumultis proturbarentur. Dum in valle mutuis invicem cladibus inter primanos sævitur: media hostium acies per arduum progressa ad primam propinquaverat, eodémque, quo prima, posita, in dextra collium ad sinistram primæ, levi intervallo, & adæquatâ ambarum fronte, constitit: primùm apertior, mox adverforum collium telis percussa, cautiùs, & flexis aut prominentibus jugis obumbrata magis quàm obtecta. Ex hac, fœta viris animisq;, rursus in vallem, & insedentes *Verianos* promptissimi ruebant: plerique militiæ veteres, & clari bello, aucta stipendia & sua quisque decora præferentes. Neq; *Verius* cessabat suis cursu pugnâque fessis, & recentium robore impetûque inclinantibus, & impulsis, integros submittere, quorum virtute instauratum denuo prælium, & æquata pugna est. Sic alternante, prout subsidia invaluerant, successu, hi, rursus illi, pellebant et pellebantur; dato haustoque non modico sanguine. Par utrinque studium rapiendæ vallis, & in tuenda non impar virtus & pertinacia: sola collium oportunitas, provisum ducis, *Verianis* æquior erat, stabili gradu & tanquam è vallo vulnera dirigentibus in hostem, malè tectum in collibus, in valle apertum:

tum: unde crebrior in illum cædes, clades dam-
nosior: & obstinaverat animo *Verius*, in se &
primam aciem, quamvis diuturnitate pugnae
exhaustam & infrequentem, totam *Hispani* ex-
ercitus molem avertere; ut, attrito carptim ho-
stium robore, segnis postea & imbellior nume-
rus, pulsu impetûq; recentium exterriti, à me-
dia et postrema *Mauritianorum* acie perrupti ob-
tererentur. Non improspere interim, aciei me-
diae proprius eques suo in campo ruebat in
Mauritanos; qui successu prioris pugnae fero-
ces, avidius quàm consultius, extra cohortis
Frisiae tutelam proruperant: sed illa labantibus
et retro versis, contra vim clademque, conje-
ctis desuper in sequentes telis, munimento fu-
it: Ità impetus stetit, et manibus æquis ab-
scissum. At postrema hostium acies ad fini-
stram collium proventa, impetu et specie fere-
batur incubituræ in mediam ultimamq; *Mau-
ritianorum*; quæ intra coniectum teli ponere *Veri-
anum* agmen instructæ, & nullâ adhuc hostium
vi lacelsitæ fuerant: sed hi prætervecti dextrum
cornu *Verianæ* manûs, ubi intectum latus *Fri-
siis*, inter oportuna tumulorum collineantibus,
aperuerant, atroci & improvisâ telorum tem-
pestate consternabantur; defixisque pudore si-
mul & metu, neque gradum inferre, neque fu-
gam consciscere in promptu fuit; donec in val-
lem vicinam inter inæquales arenarum adge-
stus sinuatam descenderent. His erga partes
meritis *Frisii*, diu hostium equiti, nunc pedi-
tum agmini graves, diem & nomen decoravê-
re. Sed è valle rursus, acerrimus quisq;, & a-

nimo vel robore validus, effundebantur; soluti signis, sparsi conglobatîve, hostis laudîsq; cupidine, Australia collium armis & tumultu permiscebant: cum his pugnam & arma per montosa spargentibus, lecta toto *Mauritano* exercitu virorum robora, æquâ virtute, sed iniquis hosti locis, certabant; in quem ex edito et occulto collium, prægrandibus scloporum tubis, tela & cædes inulta ingerebantur. Minus acri discrimine equites novissimi agminis, & pariori sanguine, fortuna collidebat: ostentatæ enim hinc indè turmæ, post brevem impetum, extra teli hostilis adjectum sub præsidia suorum revehebantur; diversâ omnium, quæ ferè accidunt, præliorum facie: Nam cùm pleræq; peditum fortunæ equestrium pugnarum fato temperentur; hîc è contrâ, spes & equitum virtus vi & oportunitate peditum nitebantur: nec exui campis fugarîve eques poterat, quoad potens collium peditatus, armis & loco præpollebat; tutela pulsîs, & prementibus infestus. Interim nihil remisso ad tumulos ardore pugnæ; primani secundanîque hostium & *Verianus* miles, ferali invicem lanienâ, multa cum strage implicabantur. Hærebátque vir viro, & pede pes; nullóque missilibus spatio, gladiatorum & hastarum mucronibus vita & sanguis præliantium hauriebantur: adfluentibus hinc indè auxiliis, vel spe, vel metu, indomabili pertinaciâ; donec universa *Anglorum* cohors, præter paucos qui summa collium infederant, discrimini immisceretur. Nec sanè multi apud hostium acies labo-

laborum periculorumque exsortes supererant; nomen magis legionum quam robur: abdu-
ctis cohortium viribus, et oportuna collium,
vel cæforum apud tumultos vestigia occupan-
tibus. Solus hostium eques composito agmi-
ne, et frequens apud signa erat: in illo, inte-
gris adhuc ordinibus, unicum robur, sed im-
par, et citò defluxurum in fugam, ubi nudi su-
orum præsidio peditum, ab equite *Mauritiano*,
recentium legionum peditibus immisto, im-
pellerentur. Itaque *Verius*, patefactam in
hostem ratus occasionem novissimi casus,
simulque reputans militem suum numero
minorem, nî validioribus subsidiis firmetur,
superante ex adverso multitudine, vel vi ho-
stium, vel suâ lassitudine periturum, perni-
cibus nuntiis *Frisios* aciei primæ pedites, quos
in littore instructos suprâ retuli, acciri jubet;
simul *Mauritio*, quo suæ, quo res hostium loco
sint, exponi^t; additis precibus, submitteret
properè secundi agminis equitem; eriperetque
devotam morti legionem. Ac prout hosti per-
cussos prementi ferocia, ità nunciorum auxi-
lia implorantium preces, acriùs intendeban-
tur. Ipse periculo suorum, summæque rei per-
cussus, relicto colle, quem institerat, descendit
in vallem, prælióque eques occurrit: statim
advecto crus glande trajicitur; nihil vulnere
territus, huc & illuc volitans, ferire hostem,
hortari suos, firmare animos, minuendo metu,
accendendâ spe, & omnibus belli incitamen-
tis. Ità ruenti, & ægrè sustentanti aciem, mis-
sile rursus plumbum graviori vulnere femur

transadigit : sed ille supremi discriminis anxius , sui incuriosus , nec ostentationem vulneribus neque fomenta adhibuit ; certus non excedere prælio , nè fracti pugnantium animi hoc velut omine consternarentur : Et sane tot annorum stipendiis , tam durâ & exercitâ militiâ , *Neque Ducem militis , neque milites Ducis unquam panituerat*. Igitur durare in vim extremam constituit ; & si fortuna contrâ daret , receptum non minùs quàm arma temperare consiliis & exemplo ; adversa tolerans spè subsidiorum , quæ tot nuntiis exciverat. Sed illis ad pugnam inpromptis , certè non satis properantibus , *Verianus* miles , numeris obrutus , misceri primò & turbari , tum referre pedem , cedere loco , mox turbine irruentium impelli. Nullum in illa trepidatione *Verius* Ducis officium , militisve omisit. Increpare paventes ; retinere dubios ; retrahere fugientes ; consilio , manu , voce , insignis hosti , conspicuus suis contra fortunam obniti : sed impetu turbatorum abreptus propulsusq ; cessit ad extremum ingruenti tempestati , ultimus & invitus . Cedentibus spes novissima erat in præsidio Tormentorum ; itaque eluctati altitudinem arenæ inter collium salebras , illuc non effuso quidem , intento tamen per plana littoris gradu se recipiebant : impigro ad sequendum hostium equite , et tergis gravi. In littore obvias habuere *Frisiorum* cohortes , serum et inane auxilium , quæ neq ; turbatis constantiam addidère , et alieni pavoris contactu in fugam auferebantur. At *Verii* cedentis equus plu-

pluribus in pugna vulneribus suffossus, multâ tandem morte procumbens, pondere herum & toto cadavere implicuit: neque militum quis neque famulorum præstò erat ferendæ opi; & propè hostis aberat ferociâ ardens & successu. Insignem dies illa virum vidit *Thomam Highamium*; domo non obscurum; sed civis Ducisq; servati gloriâ nobilem; is è familia *Roberti Drurii* equitis *Angli*, & inter palantes Domino suo comes, simul equo & hosti incumbentibus subreptum Ducem imposuit in tergum equi, quo *Drurius* vhebatur. Sic advectus sub Tormenta *Verius*, fratrem ibi reperit *Horatium* non indecorem fratri, & multis in bello *Belgico* palmis sæpe memorandum. Adstabant cum illo centuriones *Angli* lanienæ superstitēs, & accisæ reliquæ pedites trecenti; loco certè, nondum spe & animis excussi; arma quippe, suprema victis solatia, retinebant. Hos immoto gradu consistere pro Tormentis; & ipsa in hostem toto jam littore volitantem explodi *Verius* jubet. Verterat huc fortuna ferme eodem momento duas equitum turmas, quarum una proprius *Verii* miles; alteram *Balenius* decurio præsens regebat, acer & clarus militiâ: his imperat prorumpere in hostem pilarum turbine attonitum; misso statim fratre, qui equestrem impetum, pedestri impressione subsequeretur. Redierat jam fortuna virtusque victis; tantâque vi peditum equitumque manus, numero exigua, animis ingens, incubuit in hostem; ut quantò ferociùs ille fiduciâ victoriæ accurrerat, tantò acriùs pul-

sus in fugam disjiceretur: Ingens ibi strages, & plurimum sanguinis, persultante planitiem equite, & ardente in cædem; hærentesque fugacium tergis victores in suffugia collium irrupere; planaque & edita pari terrore & exitio permiscebant. At hostium acies, quæ sub signis vexillisque summa collium, expertes prælii, infederant, admonitæ periculis excitabantur: nec ulturorum commilitones ille motus erat; sed consulentium sibi, dabantque se incautos & indefensos telis *Verianorum*, qui fastigiis suis immoti, in hostem apertum & expositum atroci procellâ detonabant. Simul ceteri *Anglorum*, exciti prospero clamore, & insigni ferociâ victoriæ se miscentes, incurfabant nutantes hostium acies impellebantque, fulgentes quidem signis, sed nudatas & infrequentes milite, abducto jam antè & attrito in subsidia pugnæ sclopetariorum robore, quorum locis inæqualibus præcipuus usus est. Inclinatâ demum spe hostium, secundam aciem, equitem juxta peditumque, in consternatos invehit *Mauritius* jubet. At hostis fugam circumspectans, pulsu, sonituque, & nube ipsâ invadentium superfundebatur. Tum verò atrox ubique spectaculum; fugere, capi, vulnerare, trucidari: passim arma & corpora, & laceri artus, & cruenta humus. Fortissimus quisque ex *Hispanis*, quantum peditum erat, funduntur. Rapta signa vexillaque centum & viginti, modico equitum sanguine. Apud *Mauritanos* dispari fato, cruentati equites: duæ peditum acies propè illæsæ. Asperrima *Anglorum* fortuna fuit, octingenti

ctingenti milites in pugna occisi, trucidati octo Centuriones, reliqui, duobus exceptis, vulnerati: Et ferè nemo in illis cohortibus, vel ordine, vel animo ante vulgus fuit, quem non dies ista sicuti virtute, sic teste virtutis vulnere insigniverit.

FINIS.

Adde this, Page 161. after line 21.

“ Concerning what was done within the
“ town during the Treaty, *Henry Hexham*
“ gives us this further account upon his own
“ knowledge.

THe next day towards evening the enemies Commissioners, *Cerano and Ottanes*, returned again: Generall Vere his last entertainment of them was better then his first; for he then feasted them, made them the best chear he could, drank many healths, as the *Queen of England's*, the *King of Spain's*, the *Archduke's*, *Prince Maurice's*, and divers others, and discoursed with them at the table before his brother *Sir Horace Vere*, and the chief Officers of the town, whom he had invited to keep them companie; and having drunk freely led them into his own chamber, and laid them in his own bed to take their rests.

The Commissioners going to bed, the Generall took his leave of them, and presently after went to the old town, where he found *Captain Dexter*, and *Captain Clark* with their men silently at work, and having been with them an houre or two to give them directions what they should do, returning to his lodging, he laid him down upon his quilt, and gave me charge, that an houre before day I should go to *Ralph Dexter* and command him from him, not to draw off his men till the dawning of the day, but that they should follow their work lustily. And coming to him at the time appointed, according to my Lords command, after the break of day we looked out towards the sea, and espied five men of War come out of *Zeland*, riding in the
rode,

rode, which had brought foure hundred men, and some materials for the sea-works, and coming home, I wakened my Master, and told him the first news of it. He presently sent for the Captain of the shallops and long-boats, which lancing out landed them on the strand, by our new middle-haven: and notwithstanding the enemy shot mightily upon them with their Cannon from their foure batteries on the East and West-side to sink them, and hinder their landing, yet did they no other harm, but onely hurt three Mariners.

These pieces of Ordnance rouzed Cerano from his naked bed, who knocking asked me, what was the reason of this shooting: I answered him in French, Il y avoit quelque gens d'Armes des nostres entres dans la ville; whereat he was much amazed, and would hardly give credit to it, till Captain Potley, who came with these ships, and whom he knew well, was brought before him, and assured him it was so.

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